THE WEATHER.

Fair and colder Monday. Tuesday fair with slowly rising temperature.

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FRENCH TRENCHES IN ARTOIS UNDER HEAVY ATTACKS BY TEUTONS

In Champagne the Germans Succeed in Capturing Some French Positions.

REPULSED IN SOISSONS

Austrian Seaplanes Make Raid on Ravenna, Italy, Reporting Fifteen Killed.

French Warship May be Lost Off Syrian Coast.

The Germans are fiercely attacking the French positions in the Artois section, as well as in Champagne. In the latter district Berlin reports the capture of a front of about 700 yards, while the French admit that the Germans have gained a foothold in some of their advanced trenches near the Tahure-Somme-Py road.

In Artois, near Hill 140, which lies to the southwest of Vimy, the German attacks followed one another in quick succession, there being four during the course of the afternoon.

Attack on First Line Fails.

Pushing forward in the face of a hail of shells and bullets, the Germans, on their fourth attempt, succeeded in entering one of the French first line trenches, which, however, they failed to hold, being almost immediately driven out with considerable losses in dead and wounded, according to Paris.

Northeast of Soissons, a Greek attack, preceded by a bombardment, resulted in the capture of a French trench near the Crouy road, but here also they were thrown out, leaving their dead on the field.

On the British end of the line there have been sapping operations and bombardments by both sides.

All around Soissons, the German artillery was busy, preparatory to infantry attacks; but the attacks did not eventuate, owing to the French use of their guns in curtain of fire volleys.

Considerable damage has been done to German positions in the Argonne forest by the French. Artillery duels are in progress in Lorraine and in the Vosges.

On Other Fronts.

The heavy guns are being actively employed on both sides in the northern section of the Russian front but no important changes in positions have occurred.

In the Isonso regions the Austrians have taken entrenchments from the Italians in the Rombon zone, while the Italian artillery has bombarded Austrian positions at various points, especially in the Gorizia sector.

Austrian seaplanes have attacked the town of Ravenna in Northeast Italy and several other places in the vicinity. Fifteen persons are said to have been killed and a number injuries.

On the Black sea, Russian torpedo boat destroyers have sunk additional Turkish sailing vessels and have destroyed bridges and depots ashore.

The French cruiser Admiral Charner, it is feared by the French ministry of marine, has been lost while patrolling the Syrian coast. The cruiser has not been heard from since February 8 when a German dispatch reported that a submarine had sunk a French warship.

The German gunboat Hedwig von Wissman has been sunk on Lake Tanganyika, Africa, by the Belgians.

ASKS SEPARATE PEACE

Bulgaria is Reported to Have Made Overtures to the Allies.

London, Feb. 13.—The Exchange Telegraph Company received the following dispatch today from Athens: "It is confirmed in Entente circles that Bulgaria has made overtures for a separate peace to the Entente Powers."

RAID OVER RAVENNA

Fifteen Reported Killed by Austrian Seaplanes in Italian City.

Paris, Feb. 13.—Austrian aeroplanes made a raid yesterday over Ravenna and the neighboring towns of Codigoro and Bottrighe, in northeastern Italy near the Adriatic. A Havas dispatch from Rome says 15 persons were killed and a number wounded. Several women and children were among the injured.

A hospital and the basilica of Sant' Apollinare at Ravenna were damaged. The Church of Sant 'Apollinare was erected in the years 535 and 538 and was consecrated in 549 by St. Maximian. It was restored in 1779 and is the largest of the basilicas still existing at Ravenna.

GERMANS ARE REPULSED

Five Successive Infantry Attacks on French Positions.

Paris, via London, Feb. 13.—Five successive infantry attacks were delivered by the Germans in the Champagne yesterday and last night in an effort to recapture the positions recently taken by the French. The war office statement of this afternoon says these assaults were repulsed. Near Soissons the Germans penetrated a French but subsequently were ejected.

MANY CONFERENCES SET FOR THE WEEK

Between President and Leaders in Congress.

ON VARIOUS MATTERS

Appointment of Secretary of War is One of Foremost Importance—Names of Number of Men to Be Presented Today.

Washington, Feb. 13.—President Wilson's return to Washington tomorrow from his week-end cruise on the Mayflower will mark the beginning of a busy week of conferences with leaders in Congress over the appointment of a new Secretary of War, national defense plans and other pending legislation.

Among those with whom the President has appointments tomorrow are several congressional delegations with candidates for the vacancy in his cabinet and others who want to suggest men for the assistant secretaryship. The President's advisers think that the new Secretary of War will be permitted to name his assistant.

Other delegations of representatives have appointments to urge the President to visit their districts in his next tour of the country to advocate preparedness. The President has indicated, however, that he does not expect to start soon on another trip. The usual semi-weekly cabinet meetings Tuesday and Friday and the congressionaly reception Friday night also are on the week's programme and there will be conferences, the latter part of the week with House leaders on the rural credit bill, and with House and Senate leaders on national preparedness.

Sunday saw no new candidates mentioned for Secretary of War. The impression seemed to be growing among the President's advisers that the new secretary would not be chosen from the army. Such a decision by the President would eliminate Major-General Goethals, who has been endorsed by more than 40 representatives.

BACK TO WASHINGTON

President Expected to Arrive at Capital Early This Morning.

Old Point, Va., Feb. 13.—The Presidential yacht, Mayflower, with President Wilson and his wife aboard, left Old Point at 2 o'clock this afternoon and steamed up Chesapeak Bay in the face of a driving snow storm. She is expected to dock at the Washington navy yard about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The President did not come ashore during the day, declining an invitation to play golf at the Hampton Roads Club. Yesterday he and Mrs. Wilson inspected Fort Monroe and made a launch trip to Newport News, arriving just too late to see a big tank steamer launched at the ship yard there.

TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION OF RADIO PREPAREDNESS

25,000 Amateur Operators of United States to Take Part.

Washington, Feb. 13.—A demonstration of radio preparedness will be given by the 25,000 amateur licensed operators in the United States beginning Monday night, February 21, at 11 o'clock Central time. At that hour a message in keeping with the spirit of the following day, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, will be flashed from a station near the arsenal at Rock Island, Ill., for relay throughout the United States.

Government officials here, army and navy officers particularly have given the plan their unanimous endorsement, but will refrain from actual participation in the movement. This will be left entirely to the amateur operators, wireless associations and Boy Scout organizations, the latter being used to deliver the messages throughout their respective authorities.

A copy of the messages will be handed personally to each governor and to mayors of the larger cities.

In working out the plan officers of the wireless associations have pointed to radio communication as the quickest means of arousing the country in time of danger. They compare their work with the performance of Paul Revere who used the best means then available to spread an order for mobilization—a horse.

LIEUTENANT GRAHAM-WHITE GRAVELY WOUNDED IN FRANCE

British Aviator Had Won Fame in Both England and America.

Hazenbrouck, France, Feb. 13.—Claude Graham-White, the British aviator, has been wounded gravely. No details have been obtained. He was commissioned a lieutenant last month.

Lieut. Graham-White, one of the best known aviators, won international prominence several years ago by his spectacular flights in England and America. He enlisted in the naval corps at the outbreak of the war and was participating in a raid by a squadron of aeroplanes on Belgian towns he fell into the sea, but was picked up by a cruiser.

Lieutenant Graham-White's wife, formerly Miss Dortohy Taylor, of New York, obtained last month a decree for the restitution of her conjugal rights, an action which in England is a preliminary step to a suit for divorce.

GEN. TOWNSHEND A MAN MUCH PRAISED

Highly Esteemed for His Pluck at Kut El Amara.

TURKS ARE BEATEN OFF

Besieged for Two Months by Large Army of Ottomans the Small British Force Continue to Hold the Position.

London, Feb. 13.—The remarkable stand which has been made by Major General Charles V. F. Townshend and his comparatively small body of British troops at Kut El Amara, Mesopotamia, where for nearly two months they have been besieged by a large army of Turks, has raised General Townshend to a high place in the esteem of the English public. The far away war theatre has been watched with the deepest interest by those at home since the British repulsed the Turks at Ctesiphon and began their retreat to Kut and the exploits of General Townshend have occupied much space in the newspapers, some military critics hailing him as one of the most brilliant soldiers the empire has produced.

During the long siege General Townshend has beaten off all attacks of the Ottoman troops and kept his little force intact. Every dispatch which has come through from the commander has been read with deepest interest by the public that has feared that the relieving army, which is said to have been held up by the natural obstacles, would reach Kut El Amara too late. General Townshend's recent report that he had sufficient supplies for his soldiers partly relieved the minds of the British people, who now are anxiously awaiting the outcome.

When the full story is told of the battle of Ctesiphon, the retreat to Kut and the siege, it is expected by the British to make as thrilling a chapter as any in the history of the world war, and the name of General Townshend will occupy an important place in that story. The conflict at Ctesiphon was desperate and the general himself fought as fiercely as any of his soldiers, who that day put to flight a body of Ottoman troops said to have been six times their number. There were critical moments and it was at these times that General Townshend showed himself to be a cool and resourceful commander and an able tactician. Four times he rallied his men and led them in their charges.

Military critics declare that the victory of Ctesiphon was a magnificent one, but that the retreat to Kut will equal if not surpass it as a successful military achievement under disadvantages of an extraordinary kind. It is stated that not only did Gen. Townshend ward off the Turks, but he did so with a loss insignificant under the circumstances and he succeeded in taking with him all his wounded. It has been declared that the men under him would follow General Townshend anywhere.

General Townshend is said to have forced his way up to a high command through sheer merit. When he was only a lieutenant, he became an avid student of Napoleon. He studied every work on the military theories and practices of that great general. He made it a rule to study seven hours a day and he never failed in carrying out his investigations of the military genius of "the master."

Further he visited every battlefield on which Napoleon fought, and reconstructed for himself the disposition of the forces in the battles which decided the fate of nations. It is stated that there probably is no greater authority on Napoleonic warfare in the British army than he.

General Townshend long before 1914 had studied the possibility of war with Germany. He always held that when war did come Great Britain would not be able to rely solely on her navy, but would need to have a great army ready for the field. Believing that this country would require an army of millions, not thousands, he favored compulsory service. He expressed the opinion that Germany would make her attack on France—and eventually on England—through Belgium, and many times surveyed what he thought would be the coming battlefield. The general is 54 years of age. He is heir presumptive to the Townshend marquisate.

FORD TO LAUNCH FIRGHT AGAINST DEFENSE PROGRAM

Preparing Country-Wide Campaign of Newspaper Advertising.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 13.—It was announced tonight that Henry Ford is preparing to launch a country-wide campaign of newspaper and magazine advertising against the programme for huge naval and military expenditures now before Congress. It was said Mr. Ford intends soon to carry out his announced intention to devote millions of dollars to an educational campaign against war and preparedness which he declared to be the first step toward actual war.

None of the details of the plan could be obtained tonight except that Mr. Ford had been considering the campaign for sometime and that "all the people of the country would be reached by it."

McADOO NOT A DELEGATE

Will Not Permit Himself to be Named For Democratic Convention.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Secretary McAdoo wrote Chester C. Platt, of Batavia, N. Y., today, that under no circumstances would he permit the naming of himself a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in St. Louis next June. Mr. Platt had asked the Secretary about his attitude. Mr. McAdoo's letter said he felt that delegates should be chosen from men who have "stood in the trenches and fought the battles of the party and have not received official positions."

Characters In The Preparedness Drama

Mr. Garrison in Typical Speaking Attitude.

Here are two characteristic photographs of Secretary of War Garrison, who resigned Thursday, Feb. 10. General Hugh L. Scott succeeded him as acting Secretary of War. Representative James Hay, chairman of the House Military Affairs committee, was largely responsible for bringing about the resignation. His failure to adopt the continental army plan, recommended by the secretary, led to the resignation.

Mr. Garrison Reviewing Troops.

GOSSIP IS NONSENSE SAYS SPEAKER CLARK

Regarding the Talk of Ousting Leader Kitchin.

Says the Tar Heel Congressman Has as Much Right as Others to His Own Views Regarding the Preparedness Question.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Speaker Clark issued a statement tonight characterizing as nonsense talk of ousting Representative Kitchin from the House majority leadership because of his opposition to the preparedness programme and other administration plans. He said he expected to leave the speaker's chair whenever he felt it necessary to oppose or support any measure, but would do so without any intent to supplant Representative Kitchin or any other committee chairman of leaders.

"It's a pity," said the speaker, "that all Democrats do not agree about all things; but Mr. Kitchin has as much right to his opinion as the President has to his or I have to mine. I have faith that by the exercise of forebearance, moderation and wisdom we will evolve plans for preparedness and other great questions such as raising revenue on which we can all stand. That's my hope and expectation.

"No man can bull a proposition through the House by main strength. The entire philosophy of success in that able and tumultuous assembly, is to take things by the smooth handle, to rub the hair the right way of the hide and to confer freely with members, persuading rather than attempting to drive, yielding in non-essentials, firm as a rock on fundamentals. There are 435 members and every one of them has a perfect right to his opinion as to express it whenever and wherever it seems to him meet and proper.

"If the busy bodies who are trying to stir up strife by magnifying small differences of opinion among Democrats would help eliminate these differences of opinion among Democrats, they would constitute themselves patriots instead of marplots."

London, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to The Post from its Berne correspondent states that Germany is making strenuous efforts to induce the Poles to agree to accept autonomy under the suzerainty of Germany in which event, Germany will form an additional army of 900,000 Poles.

GUESTS MISSED DEATH BY A NARROW MARGIN

Soup Served at Banquet Contained Arsenic.

Analysis Shows That Guests Were Served One and One-Half Grains Each—Assistant Chef at Club is Still Missing.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Analysis of the poisoned soup which made a hundred or more prominent guests violently ill at a banquet given Archbishop Mundelein here Thursday night at the University Club, was completed by Dr. Frederick O. Tonney today.

The analysis showed that the guests who partook of the soup missed death by a narrow margin. The poison used was white oxide of arsenic.

Dr. Tonney says that his estimate showed that the portions served each guest contained one and one-half grains of drug.

His calculations shows that the entire kettle of soup contained 480 grains. This development was regarded as significant by detectives working on the case. In the amateur laboratory of Jean Crones, the missing assistant chef at the club, an ounce bottle said to have contained arsenic, but which was empty, was found. An ounce of the drug contains 480 grains.

Crones disappeared on the night of the banquet and had not been located tonight. Hinton G. Clabaugh, chief of the Chicago Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice joined in the search. The bureau is said to be watching eastern friend of Crones.

"It may be said there is a possibility that the case may have interesting ramifications," said Mr. Clabaugh.

Captain Nicholas Hunt, chief of the detective bureau, said that information important to the search was obtained from a leter found in the home of Jean Allegrini, a friend of Crones. Allegrini and Pasquale Ligno, another friend of the missing chef, are being held by police.

Unusual precautions were taken by the police to guard the achbishop at a

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ADMIRAL GRANT TO BE HEARD ON SUBMARINES

Will Appear Today Before the House Naval Committee.

Subject May be Gone Into Exhaustively, Consuming Large Part of Week—Slow Progress on Appropriations Bill.

Washington, Feb. 12. — Information about submarine warfare and the limitations of submersibles will be given the House Naval committee this week by Rear Admiral Albert W. Grant, assigned by Secretary Daniels several months ago to command the submarines of the Atlantic fleet afloat and ashore. The admiral will appear before the committee tomorrow, fresh from duty at sea with his underwater flotilla. His examination probably will last well into the week, as several members of the committee have shown a desire to go into the subject exhaustively with previous witnesses who have referred them to Admiral Grant for exact information.

The assignment of Admiral Grant was in line with Secretary Daniels' policy of placing flag officers over each important element of the fleet in working out a co-ordinated scheme of fleet organization. Last year the flotilla was commanded by Commander Yates Stirling, whose testimony before the Congressional committees then as to the inefficiency of the boats was of a startling nature. Commander Stirling will be summoned before the House committee after Admiral Grant.

Chairman Padgett, of the committee, does not anticipate the conclusion of hearings of the Naval Appropriation bill before the middle of March at the present rate of progress. Secretary Daniels' proposed five-year programme to include ten dreadnoughts and six battle cruisers, will come up, after all items dealing with the present establishment in commission, building or authorized, have been gone over. Mr. Padgett believes it will require but a short

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NATIONAL DEFENSE NOW ADVOCATED BY FORMER OPPONENTS

Scores of Members of Both Houses of Congress Won Over for the Program.

ALSO PHILIPPINE BILL

Congress and President in Harmony—Result of Garrison Resignation.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Secretary Garrison's resignation last week has had three far-reaching results upon Congress, in the opinion of administration leaders. When the excitement following the unexpected development had subsided, it was apparent that it had clarified the legislative atmosphere with regard to two important issues, national defense and Philippine independence, and had served almost magically to bring Congress and the President closer together than they had been for many months.

As to national defense the resignation of the Secretary finally sealed the fate of his continental army plan, which chairmen of both House and Senate military committees declared never could have been accepted by Congress. Work began at once on preparation for framing a plan of federalization of the National Guard to create a reserve force for the Nation.

Patent enthusiasm for preparedness was aroused in scores of influential members of both branches who had been opposed to the continental army plan, and who had been taking only a passive interest in the defense programme. Now these members have put their shoulders to the wheel and there is a prospect that an army reorganization bill will be perfected in the near future.

Eliminate Continental Army.

Representative Hay, chairman of the House committee, already is at work re-drafting the House bill eliminating the continental army feature. The Senate militarwy committee, having concluded its hearings, will get down to the task of framing its bill tomorrow and Senator Chamberlain, the chairman, proposes to confer with members of the House committee as the work progresses. An effort will be made by both committees to co-operate as much as possible.

Evidence of the fact that Mr. Garrison's withdrawal has served to cement bonds of sympathy between Congress and the President came in the adoption by the House military affairs committee of a resolution thanking the President for his expression of confidence in Congress disclosed in his correspondence with Mr. Garrison. It also was demonstrated in comment of many senators and representatives, who declared that they saw in President Wilson's determination not to stand irrevocably for any one plan of creating an army reserve, a purpose to place more reliance in the judgment of the legislative branch of the government than he had in the past.

With respect to the Philippine issue the Garrison resignation has served to enhance the change of the Clarke amendment to the self government bill, adopted by the Senate and providing for complete independence within four years, in spite of the President's own opinion that such an amendment is unwise at this time. Secretary Garrison was bitterly opposed to the amendment.

The House committee now has the bill under consideration and conferences with the executive have been held on the subject, all tending to strengthen the prospects for passage of the amendment. The insular affairs committee now is expected to substitute the Senate bill for its own with few, if any, changes.

Treaties to be Ratified.

In the Senate this week the Nicaraguan, Haitian and Colombian treaties will be the principal subjects of interest. Ratification of the Nicaraguan treaty is practically assured and the vote may be taken tomorrow. Senator Stone proposes to call up the Haitien convention next and little opposition is expected. The Colombian treaty, however, wil be bitterly opposed and administration senators themselves are almost convinced that it cannot be ratified in its present form.

The inquiry into the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the Supreme Court will be resumed by the judiciary subcommittee Tuesday, with Mr. Brandeis' connection with the United Shoe Machinery Company the particular subject for investigation.

The annual fight over the rivers and harbors bill soon will be precipitated in the House. The $40,000,000 appropriation bill for this session already completed except for a possible inclusion of a single new project, that of $700,000 for East River, New York, urged by President Wilson in order to provide safe approach to the Brooklyn navy yard, and an outlet between the North River and Long Island sound, will be voted out of committee Tuesday, and the bill will be brought up in about a fortnight to run the gauntlet of the House. Many members propose to insist upon new projects. The measure is now confined to completion of projects already authorized or maintenance of existing works.

Postoffice Appropriation Bill

The postoffice appropriation bill, always the vehicle of protracted political oratory is lagging along with the prospect of occupying at least all of the coming week, except for days set aside for special orders of business. The main fight is on the rural free delivery provision and on new legislation proposing to change the system of railway mail compensation to a space

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GREECE STEADFAST TO NEUTRAL POLICY

An Endeavor to Clear Up Grave Misunderstanding

ATTITUDE NOT CHANGED

Prince Nicholas Declares Country's Pretensions Are Not Exaggerated—Writes Letter for The Associated Press.

Athens, Greece, Friday, Feb. 11, via Paris, Feb. 13. (Delayed) — Prince Nicholas, of Greece, brother of King Constantine, and military governor of the interior zone, has authorized The Associated Press to publish an open letter addressed by him to Emil Hebrand, of the Paris Temps, under date of February 9, with a view to clearing up the grave misunderstanding which has arisen precisely at the moment Greece might have hoped to see the fact recognized that "she does not forget a debt of gratitude sacred to her."

"Greece has remained neutral," says the letter. "She has never declared herself unwilling at any price to abandon neutrality. The contrary is proved by several propositions made during the course of the present war to the Entente Powers, which are well known in the European chancelleries.

"Those persons have been mistaken who have claimed that Greece's pretensions were exaggerated. Such certainly was not the case in the condition for Greek participation in the war imposed by the Gounaris cabinet, namely, that the territorial integrity of the kingdom should be respected during the war, and until the signing of a peace treaty by those very powers at the side of whom Greece declared herself ready to fight.

"The condition was not accepted, as such promise at that juncture was capable of offending Bulgaria. Is it the fault of our government, and, therefore, of Greece, if the negotiations failed?

Belligerents Changed Attitudes.

"At the beginning of the war one group of belligerents—the Central Powers—begged for Greece's participation in the war, while the Entente Powers insisted that she remain tranquil, so as not to extend the conflict to the Balkans. Later, the situation changed diametrically. The second group asked Greece to join with it, while the first group desired her to continue her inaction. Greece still remained neutral.

"Is it just to insinuate that she did so through pro-Germanism, when it is evident that she simply followed her original course toward the two groups of belligerents?"

After reciting the benefits to the Entente of Greece's benevolent neutrality, Prince Nicholas continues:

"If it is considered for a moment what the operations of the Entente Powers would have been without this elasticity, it doubtless cannot fail to be understood that Greece has contributed to the cause of the Entente during the war.

"But there have been reproiches that Greece did not keep her engagements with Serbia; that she deserted her ally at a critical moment, despite the assurances of all these governments that the terms of the Greeco-Serbian treaty would be complied with. * * *

Not Obliged to Aid Serbia.

"I personally have very special reasons to appreciate our alliance with Serbia, as I myself took an active part in the negotiations leading to the alliance.

"I can affirm that the treaty did not obligate Greece to enter the campaign to defend Serbia simultaneously attacked by Bulgaria and the Central Powers. It is a Balkan treaty, applying only to Balkan policy."

The prince goes on to say that the treaty engaged Serbia to furnish certain forces under conditions which proved materially impossible of fulfillment, and observes that the Entente powers failed to make up the deficit.

"Had Greece participated," he continues, "she could not have saved the Serbian army operating at such a distance that our forces would not have been able to effect a junction in time. The Greek army would probably have suffered the fate of the Serbian army, and the Bulagarians, with the Austro-Germans and Turks, would today, as enemies, be in our territory. Would Greece, weakened to this point, be of any use to Serbia, and therefore, to the Allied couse?

"The Entente press repeated on every occasion that we ought to enter the struggle to save the Balkan equilibrium —the equilibrium is as necessary to us as to the other Balkan peoples. We shall do all possible to safeguard it. But could it be any better maintained, were we beaten and crushed? Was this equilibrium always so dear to the Entente powers, which sometimes employed pressure on us, and even their ally, Serbia, to break it up in favor of Bulgaria?"

Humiliations and Insults.

After referring to the humiliations and gratuitous insults which Greece has suffered at the hands of the Entente powers, Prince Nicholas makes especial complaint of "the doubt expressed in the Anglo-French press of the good faith and sincerity of our king and his government, and of the sentiments of the Hellenic peopde towards the Allied troops."

"No suspicion," he says, "could more deeply wound the national pride of the Hellenic people than mistrust of their traditional hospitality and the word of their sovereign."

EXECUTION IS DEFERRED

Manuel Rojas, Former Villa Leader, and a Civilian Not Shot Yesterday.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 13.—The public execution of Sergeant Manuel Rojas and a civilian which was to have taken place at Juarez today was deferred. According to General Gabriel Givira, military commandant at that place, a further investigation of ammunition thefts will be made before the sentence of death is carried out.

Rojas, a former Villa soldier who accepted amnesty with the unnamed civilian, was sentenced to be shot for alleged ammunition thefts.

General Francisco Villa today was reported moving south with five detachments of defacto troops moving from various points to intercept him.

Official War Statements

GERMANY

Berlin, via London, Feb. 13.—Heavy fighting is in progress in Champagne. The German war office announced today the capture of French positions extending over a front of about 700 yards. In Flanders the Germans penetrated positions of the Entente Allies. The statement follows:

"Western front: In Flanders, after lively artillery fighting, our patrols and strong reconnoitering detachments penetrated positions of the enemy. Several miles exploded effectively. Southeast of Boesinghe more than 40 Englishmen were captured.

"British artillery bombarded the town of Lillie yesterday and Friday. Considerable of material damage was done, but there was no loss of life or destruction of military property.

"On our front between La Bassee canal and Arras, and also south of the Somme hostilities were impeded by bad weather. In the fighting in the region northwest and west of Vimy up to February 9, we capured nine officers, 682 men, 35 machine guns, two mine throwers and stores of various descriptions. Our artillery shelled heavily the enemy's positions between the Oise and Rheims with good success as is confirmed by patrols.

"In Champagne, south of Sainte Marie-A-Py we stormed French positions extending over about 700 yards, capturing four officers and 202 men. Northwest of Massiges the enemy unsuccessfully made two violent attacks. Hand grenade battles continue without interruption over the portion of our trenches to the east of Maison de Champagne, which the French occupied on February 11.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, we destroyed by fire and large explosions the advanced trenches of the enemy over a front of 30 to 40 yards.

"Lively artillery fighting is proceeding in Lorraine and the Vosges, south of Russe. East of St. Die a German detachment penetrated advanced portions of the enemy position and captured more than 30 chasseurs.

"Our aeroplanes bombarded enemy positions and the railway establishments at La Panne, and Poperinghe. An attack made by an enemy aeroplane on Ghistelles, south of Ostend, caused no damage.

"Eastern Front: The situation general is unchanged. East of Baranovichi two advanced positions held by the Russians on the west bank of the Czara were stormed.

"Balkan front: There is nothing to report."

FRANCE.

Paris, Feb. 13.—The following official statement was given out here today:

"The ministry of marine fears for the fate of the cruiser Admiral Charner, which has been patrolling the Syrian coast. No news has been received from the cruiser since February 8, when according to a German telegram, a submarine sank a French warship.

"To the north of Vic-Sur-Aisne our artillery dispersed enemy detachments which advanced as far as our wire entanglements.

"To the northeast of Soissons the Germans were able, after a bombardment to reach one of our trenches in the neighborhood of the Crouy road. A counter attack ejected them immediately. The enemy left a number of dead on the field and we took some prisoners of whom one was an officer.

"In the Champagne in the region to the Butte Dy-Mesnil the Germans late yesterday and during the night directed five sucessive counter-attacks against the trenches previously captured by us. All these attempts were repulsed.

"In Lorraine there were artillery duels in the sectors of Reillon and the Forest of Parroy. The same region several reconnoitering parties of the enemy were dispersed by our fire."

The Amiral Charner under normal conditions carried a crew of 370. She was 347 feet long, 46 feet beam and displaced 4,680 tons. She was armed with two 7.6 inch guns in turrets forward and aft, six 5.5 inch guns, four 9-pounders, four 3-pounders, six 1-pounders and four torpedo tubes. She was laid down in 1889.

RUSSIA.

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 13.—Advancing through deep snows while thermometer at times registered 25 degrees below zero, the Russian forces near Ezerum on the Caucasus front have forced almost inacessible passes and continue to make progress according to a war office communication issued today.

It is stated the Russians took "some dozens of officers and over 700 Turkish regulars prisoners" and captured field guns, machine guns, ammunition wagons and an ammunition store and many cattle. The commuication says further:

"A violent explosion was observed in one of the Erzerum forts after our bombardment. We dislodged the Turks from a position near Khynyskala (50 miles southeast of Erzerum) and occupied the town of Khopy after an engagement.

"In Persia, in the region of Hamadan, we occupied the town of Buletabad.

"Western (Russian) front: In the Riga sector there has been an intense artillery duel in the Olai and Bersemunde regions. Our artillery caused caused an explosion within the enemy lines near Vever, south of Ikskull.

"Near Jacobstadt the Germans tried to approach our trenches west of Lievenhof, but our troops pushed them back.

"On the Dvinsk sector the firing has been most intense near Illoukst, where the Germans threw hand grenades which emitted asphyxiating gas. A German attempt to surround the village of Garbournovka, which we had captured, was defeated by our cross fire.

"On the Black sea Friday, our destroyers demolished by their shell fire bridges in the coast region and sank eight sailing ships."

TURKEY

Constantinople, (via London), Feb. 13.—Defeat of the British in a battle near Korna on the Mesopotamia front was announced today by the war office. It is said the British were compelled to flee, abandoning their dead. On the Caucasus front the statement says the Russians were driven from Turkish positions that they had captured, sustaining heavy losses. The statement follows:

"Mesopotamian front: A reconnoitering column proceeding in the direction of Sheik Said, destroyed telegraph lines of the enemy in that neighborhood and by its fire compelled a hostile motor vessel to retire.

"Near Felahie and Tu-El-Amaratris occasional infantry, and artillery firing.

"Our volunteer divisions attacked the hostile camp west of Korna on Monday. The fighting continued until night, when the enemy was compelled to flee in a southerly direction, abandoning numerous dead. We captured some prisoners and a quantity of arms, munitions and beasts of burden.

"Caucasus front: On our left wing ther chas been artillery firing. In the center fighting between advanced posts continues. The enemy was driven from our positions by a counter attack and lost many dead."

DEMOCRATS GET BUSY IN OLD CUMBERLAND

Lengthy Meeting Held in the Courthouse Saturday.

Mass Meting to Be Held April 15—Nimocks on Campaign Trip—Five Show People Arrested—Robberies—Other News.

(By Asa Biggs.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 13.—The Democrats of Cumberland county yesterday started to line up their forces when they met in the courthouse and remained in session until late in the evening. The call for this meeting was sent out some time ago by Chairman R. —. Dye, and the Democrats responded nobly.

Many questions of great interest from a Democratic standpoint were brought up and freely discussed. The most important question was how to get things lined up all over the county. This was solved by Mr. Dave Gastor, who proposed that the committees in the various precincts of the county organize a number of "Democrat clubs." Through these the chairman will be allowed to reach all the members, it was said.

It was also unanimously decided, upon a motion of Mr. R. H. Buckingham, that the executive committee call a public mass meeting for Saturday, April 15 to be held in the court house here, at which time ways and means towards a Democratic victory will be devised.

The feature of the meeting yesterday was harmony. The one common thought in the minds of all those present seemed to be "a G. O. P. breakdown and a great Democratic victory." It is said that the meeting was marked with more interest than has ever been seen before.

Nimocks on Campaign Trip.

Hon. Q. K. Nimocks departs tomorrow morning for a campaigning trip into Robeson county. Mr. Nimocks stated to The Star correspondent last night that he expected to be in Robeson for three or four weeks, and that he was going to spend the whole time in active campaigning.

Mr. Nimocks is the first of the candidates to get on his war togs, though it is claimed that Congressmman Godwin has been sending out feelers for some time. Candidate Young, of Harnett, has been out talking to the farmers, it is said. Other candidates are making it plain that they are in no rush for the business.

The most sensational arrest to occur here for some time was that of five members of the Show Girl Comedy Company, now playing this place, on a charge of beating their board bill. The warrant was sworn out by the proprietor of the Harrison hotel and was served on two of the young women and three of the men just as they emerged from the playhouse last night.

The quintette was taken to the Cape Fear Hotel, where bond was fixed at $500. After considerable deliberation a local lawyer went on the bond.

The lawyer, when seen today by The Star correspondent, stated that he felt perfectly safe in going on the bond.

From the information gained, it seems that the Show Girls Company came to Fayetteville last week, stranded, and put up at the Harrison, engaging a week's board and lodging. The week was up today, they stated. Last night the warrant was sworn out before they had even attempted to move their baggage, they declared.

The case will be tried tomorrow in the magistrate's court. The company has announced its intention of remaining over Monday night and will present a comedy farce entitled "A Day in Court."

Series of Robberies.

A series of robberies have occurred here within the past few days which the police have been unable to solve. On Thursday night some one boarded a passing freight train, opened a car door and scattered goods from the coal chute to the Victory Mills. The goods were later hauled away, it was said.

On Friday night the storage room of Swift & Co. was broken into and a quantity of stuff stolen, though the loss has not been appraised.

The police believe that it is the work of a well organized band of robbers, and is making efforts to ferret out the mystery.

Prominent Northerner on Visit.

Mr. H. C. Kieser, a prominent financier of Cleveland, Ohio, has been spending a few days in the city. He has with him his wife, and they are on a tour of the South. It had been rumored yesterday that Mr. Kieser was seeking a location for an investment, but that was denied last night when he smiled at The Star correspondent's query. "No, I am just seeing your South," he said. "Yes, I like the South fine. Fayetteville is all right. I have been to Wilmington, Raleigh and Greensboro and like them all. North Carolina has a wonderful future in store for her," and then he bowed again, which was a hint that there would be nothing else gotten out of him.

POPULATION 101,208,315

Estimate for Country January 1 by the Census Bureau Experts.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Census bureau experts estimated today that the population of the United States on January 1, last, was 101,208,315 and that by July 1, it would be 102,017,302. On July 1 last year, they figured the population at 100, 392,318. Western States have led in growth, Washington heading the list with Oklahoma, Nevada, North Dakota and New Mexico following in the order named. The Bureau's estimates are based on the rate of increase between the 1900 and 1910 census.

TO CONVERT DISTILLERIES

British Goverament to Use Them as Munitions Factories.

London, Feb. 14.—The government will immediately take over all the large whiskey distilleries and use them as munition factories, says the Daily Chronicle. The newspaper adds that the step will be facilitated by the fact that the government intends to prohibit the importation of barley for distilling purposes.

Paris, Feb. 13.—The Journal's Athens correspondent says that former Premier Venizelos, of Greece, has decided to return to active political life, becoming a candidate for a vacancy in the chamber of deputies from Mytilene.

NATIONAL DEFENSE NOW ADVOCATED BY FORMER OPPONENTS

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basis and top rovide for government bonding of department officers and naval contractors.

There will be a Democratic House caucus this week to authorize Majority Leader Kitchin as chairman of the ways and means committee, to press the House bill he will introduce tomorrow, to repeal the free sugar clause of the Underwood tariff law. But for the repeal, the free sugar clause would entail an estimate annual revenue loss of $40,000,000 beginning May 1, next. Mr. Kitchin does not expect to bring up the repeal measure in the House until about February 24.

In the meantime the ways and means committee will determine whether to make the administration tariff commission bill a separate measure of legislation or part of the coming omnibus revenue bill.

The immigration bill with its literacy test feature, is ready to follow the postoffice bill when that is past. The $5,000,000 diplomatic and consular appropriation bill will be reported to the House this week.

GUESTS MISSED DEATH BY A NARROW MARGIN

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big reception, tendered him tonight. Thirty detectives were scattered through the crowd and others sat on the platform during the speaking programme.

HIGH WINDS RENEW FEARS FOR MISSISSIPPI LEVEES

However, Gale Was Abating Last Night, Again Causing Optimism.

Arkansas City, Ark., Feb. 13.—High winds last night and today caused renewed apprehension for the safety of the levees along the Mississippi rivers between this city and Greenville, Miss., but at a late hour tonight all were holding and with the gale abating, levees engineers were optimistic. The river here fell one-tenth of a foot today and was stationary tonight at Greenville.

Several points on the Mississippi bank of the river reported the embankment damaged by waves beating against it, but the damage was quickly repaired and none of the levees were believed in immediate danger tonight.

The refugee situation at Lake Village which has brought about sharp differences between county officials and Federal officers, still was unsolved tonight and the whole controversy probably will be laid before the congressional flood committee which is expected to reach here this week. Harry E. Cook, judge og Chicot county, issued a statement tonight reiterating that the situation warrants Federal aid and scored Federal officers in charge of the district.

MORSE HALL, AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, IS DESTROYED

Contained Valuable Chemical Laboratories—Loss $300,000.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Morse Hall, erected in 1896 and containing Cornell University's valuable chemical laboratories and scientific equipment, was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at $300,000, partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire has not been determined. No one was in the building at the time.

The fire started in a photographic laboratory on the third floor of the main building and spread to the Carnegie addition. Firemen were menaced by chemical explosions and the lack of water pressure hampered their work. Chemicals which, it was said, cannot be re-placed at present, owing to the European war, were consumed, although radium, worth about $1,000, was saved.

More than 2,500 students will have to re-arrange their schedules as every course at Cornell, except at law, requires the study of chemistry.

TO HAVE GUNS MOUNTED

Italian Steamer San Giovanni to Follow Example of Other Ships.

New York, Feb. 13.—Captain Romano, of the steamship San Giovanni, of the Sicula Americana Line, which arrived here today, said his ship has been measured for gun platforms. When she returns to Naples she will have these platforms installed and guns mounted upon them. "The Sicula Americana Line heretofore has avoided carrying guns," the captain said, "but now we will mount two three-inch guns like the ships of other Italian lines."

New York, Feb. 13.—A shower of rhymed valentines will be sent tomorrow to New York state senators and representatives at Washington, it was announced tonight, by members of the Congression Union for Woman Suffrage. The flood of verse is designed as a new strategy in the campaign in support of the proposed Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment.

PHILADELPHIA STREETS ARE COVERED WITH ICE

Entire City Yesterday Was Wrapped in Sleet.

Ice Skaters Take Place of Pedestrians on Streets—New York Traffic Suffers as Result of Rain, Sleet and Snow.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—Philadelphia's streets for several hours today resembled a vast net work of frozen canals and for the first time in years it was possible to traverse the city from one end to the other on ice skates. Great throngs of skaters took advantage of the rare opportunity while few pedestrians ventured out. Score of persons were injured by falling on the icey streets, but no one was seriously hurt. A blinding snow storm, which set in shortly after noon, spoiled the skaters sport.

A sleet storm, which started early last night and continued until day break, was responsible for the unusual condition. Wire and rail communication in all directions were badly crippled.

MANY BROKEN LIMBS

New York Hospitals Kept Busy—Traffic Blocked by Snow Storm.

New York, Feb. 13.—Four inches of snow fell here today and coupled with rain, sleet, and increasing cold, made walking difficult and seriously impeded the traffic. Hospitals were busy treating persons suffering from broken limbs, sprained ankles and wrists, although no fatalities were reported. Incoming trains were delayed from 10 to 40 minutes. Many wires are down along some of the railroad lines. A force of 20,000 men was put to work clearing the city's streets of snow and sleet.

The Western Union Telegraph Company reported forty wires down between Philadelphia and Baltimore and twenty-six down between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

LANSING STUDYING BERLIN NOTE ON ARMED STEAMSHIPS

Will Take Matter Up With President —They Will Go to Cabinet.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Secretary Lansing studied at his home tonight the text of the memorandum from Berlin announcing the intention of the German government to regard armed merchant ships of the Entente Allies as war vessels after February 29. He will discuss the subject with President Wilson eithe rtomorrow or Tuesday .It is probable that the memorandum will be placed before the cabinet on the latter day.

The text of the memorandum from Austria, similar to that issued by Germany, had not arrived at the State Department tonight, but was momentarily expected.

It is considered doubtful that an announcement of the position the United States will take in the matter will be defined until both documents have been carefully digested and considered. Between now and the time the attitude of the government is made known, the State Department may notify the representatives of the entente allies here of the receipt of the documents from the central powers; so that their governments may be completely informed on the subject.

AMERICANS TO RECRUIT

Approximately 4,000 in Canada to Go to Flanders Front.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 19.—A full brigade of approximately 4,000 Americans now living in Canada will be recruited for service with the Dominion forces on the firing line in Flanders, it was announced here tonight. General Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia has authorized Major C. Seymour Bullock who came here from New York and joined the 97th battalion, American legation to undertake a dominion wide campaign. To facilitate the speed enlistment of the men, General Hughes has directed that special recruiting offices be opened in nine cities.

LIGHTNING STRUCK SHIP.

Fore-Topmast of British Steamer Dunclutha Shattered in Storm.

New York, Feb. 13. — The British steamship Dunclutha, which arrived today from Manchester, England, reported that she was struck by lightning during a storm on January 19. The bolt shattered the fore-topmast and the officers at first thought the ship had struck a mine. The Dunclutha encountered continuous hurricane weather for the first eight days of her voyage. She left Manchester January 17.

ADMIRAL GRANT TO BE HEARD ON SUBMARINES

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time after the hearings are closed to complete committee consideration of the bill and get it into the House.

The Senate committee probably will not begin a study of the bill until the House hearings are nearing an end. As a rule, the records of the House committee are used by the Senate committee, which calls only such witnesses as it finds necessary to amplify that record on certain points.

STRIKERS TO RETURN.

Ten Thousand Dress Makers in New York Resume Work Today.

New York, Feb. 13. — After a meeting tonight of the general strike committee of the Waist and Dress Makers Union, it was announced that approximately 10,000 of the 40,000 members on strike will return to their work in unionized shops of the Waist and Dress Makers' Association tomorrow morning. It is expected, also, that many of the strikers employed in independent shops will resume work tomorrow, following an announcement that more than 400 independent maufacturers had applied to the uion committee for a settlement. It is expected all strikers will be at work by the end of the week. A disturbance in which one man was so roughly handled that a policeman had to be called, occurred at a meeting of the chop chairmen of the Waist and Dress Makers' Union. It took three hours to quell the disturbance, during which many women became hysterical.

NO TRACE OF THE POISON WHICH KILLED SCHOOL GIRL

Student Who is Held Not Known to Have Administered the Poison.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—The poison which caused the death of Marion Frances Lambert, the high school girl whose body was found in the snow near Lake Forest last Thursday, remained untraced today. Investigations to determine where and by whom the poison was secured were continued at Madison and Chicago North Shore, near Lake Forest.

William H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin student and former sweetheart of Miss Lambert, who was charged with the murder in connection with the death, remained in jail today. State's Attorney Dady, of Lake county, declared that although he had lodged the charge of murder against Orpet he had not yet formed a conclusion as to whether the death was due to murder of suicide.

SAYS REPORTED MOVEMENT OF CANADIAN TROOPS FALSE

General Logie Denies Steps Were Taken to Prevent an "Invasion."

Toronto, Feb. 13. — Asked tonight regarding rumors that there was danger of an "invasion" of Canada, at Niagara Falls, General Logie, commanding the Toronto divisional area, authorized the statement that reported movements of Canadian troops were unfounded, but said precautions had been taken to deal with any possible emergency.

SIXTEEN OF CREW LANDED

Norwegian Ship Alabama Sunk in North Sea Thursday Night.

Hartlepool, England, Feb. 14.—Sixteen members of the crew of the Norwegian ship Alabama, which was sunk by a mine or a torpedo in the North Sea Thursday night, have been landed here. Two of the men are injured.

Explosion shattered the after part of the ship and she foundered in two minutes. Members of the crew escaped in a boat and were picked up by another Norwegian ship and brought here.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—In a republic address here Vice President Thomas R. Marshall advocated military training of students in the schools and colleges o fthe country. "I want some sort of education in the educational institutions of the land whereby our young men may be taught three things—how to take care of their health, ho wto take orders and how to fire a gun," said the vice president. Just such work is being carried on by the National Rifle Association of America in co-operation with the National Board of Promotion of Rifle Practice and as a result there are today in our public high and preparatory schools, our military schools and our colleges and universities, a large class of young men trained and being trained in the art of rifle firing.

London, Feb. 13.—The first call to the married men who attested under the Derby scheme, the Daily Mail says, will be issued about a month hence. A late report said that all single men were to be called to the colors during the coming week.

London, Feb. 13.—Fresh massacres of Armenians are reported from Turkey to the Times' Bucharest correspondent, who, however, gives no details.

SPORTS

HARTLEY HERE FOR MATCH

Englishman, Who Will Meet Hanson in Wrestling Bout, to Spend Week Preparing for Event.

Herbert Hartley, who makes his headquarters in Utica, N. Y., arrived in Wilmington yesterday and will spend the week here training for his round with Fritz Hanson, the local welterweight champion, in Woolvin hall on Friday night. Hartley and Hanson are to weigh in at the ringside at 143 pounds. Hanson's ability is already known to local wrestling fans and Hartley appears to be equally as good a specimen of the wrestling art.

Hartley is an Englishman but has been in this country for the past two years. He explains that he left that country before the war began and stated last night that a war was about the last thing that was expected when he left. He is a man of intelligence and of gentlemanly bearing. He is well built and in appearance an almost perfect type of manhood. He is not given to boasting but explains that he has been in the wrestling game for some 15 years and has met some of the best men of both England and America.

He has met such European wrestlers, he says, as Bob Somerville, Bill Charnock, Jim Taylor, Owen McCarthy, Frank Stead, Tiger Smith and Laddie Box. In America he states he has defeated Eugene Trembly, of Canada; John Billeter, of Toledo; Walter Keegan, of Rochester; Frank West, of Boston, Mass.; Jack Collins, of Providence, R.I., and Henry Brooks, Willie Gibbs and Heradi, of New York. There are a number of others.

He states that he wrestled for four hours to a draw with Owen McGowan and for three hours and 21 minutes with Joe Newton. In all he claims to have appeared in over 500 matches.

In match in Oldham, Lancashire, England, he wrestled at 140 pounds for a belt which will be put on display today.

The backers of Hanson and Hartley will meet this morning at 11 o'clock to arrange the terms of the match.

BILLINGS BAPTISTS' COACH

Initial Baseball Practice to be Held at Wake Forest Today.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 13.— The Wake Forest baseball team will be coached by G. M. Billings this season. "Mig," as the new coach is better known throughout college baseball circles, was appointed by the Faculty Athletic Committee early last fall to this position, and he announces that the initial practice will be held Monday, when the first call for candidates will be issued.

Coach Billings is especially well fitted for this place, having played on the Baptist team for the past four years, and captained it for two successive season. He knows baseball, players and is a thorough student of the game.

The team has been hit hard by the loss of several of last year's 'varsity players. The prospects for the present season depend entirely upon the development of a number of last year's first string men, with the material that may bef urnished by the freshman class.

QUINT TO INVADE VIRGINIA

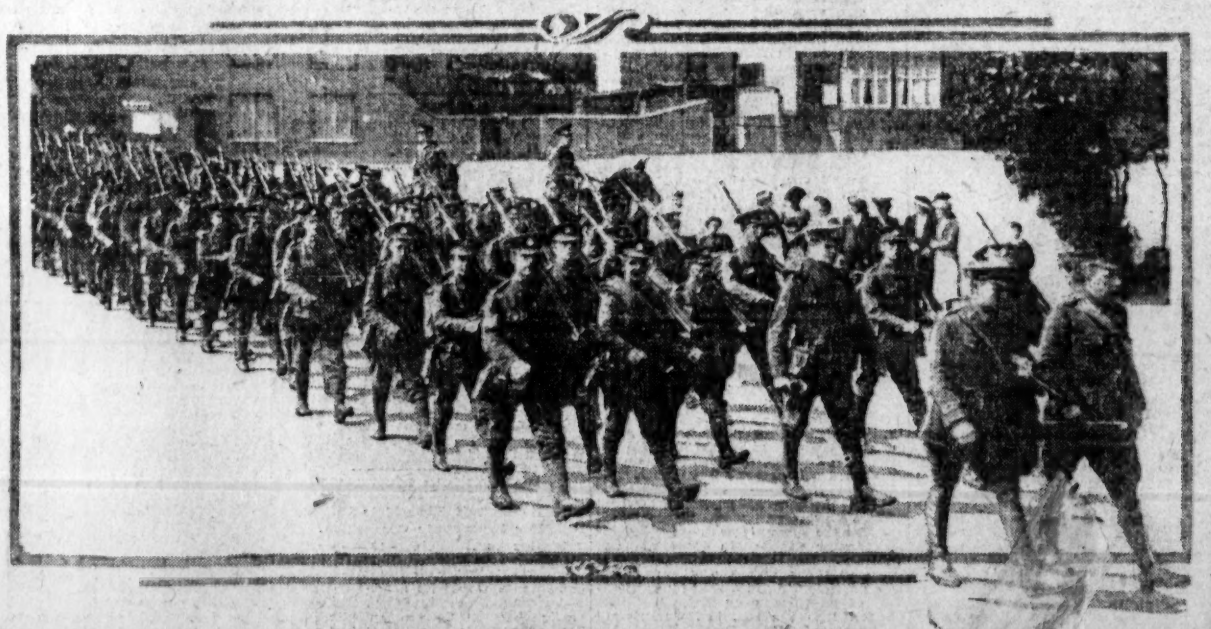
Wake Forest Basketball Squad Leaves Today on a Week's Trip.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 13.—The Wake Forest basketball squad leaves tomorrow on a week's trip, one game being played in North Carolina with Guilford Monday night, and the remaining five in Virginia territory, ending at Richmond, Saturday night. The following nine players, with Coach Crozier, are making the trip: Captain Holding, Hall and Dickson, forwards; Franks, Yates and Foezer, centers; Robley, R. Holding and Beam, guards. The trip is one of the most strenuous that the Baptists' have had to face in years, but with every man in perfect condition the team expects to give a good account of itself.

Indiana, Pa., Feb. 13.—The list of the victims of the explosion in the mine at Ernest on Friday reached 25 today with the death from injuries of Stephen Peris, aged 36, a miner. The bodies of those killed have been brought here but they will be taken to Ernest tomorrow where funeral services will be held and later will be returned here for burial.

The Men Who Never Came Back



Fifth Norfolk Regiment Leaving England.

This is the last photograph taken of the Fifth Norfolk Regiment as it left England months ago for Gallipoli. Not one of these men has yet come back. On the peninsula they charged the Turks in a forest. Their comrades saw them whirling on, determined to carry the enemy. And that was the last ever seen of them. There is hope that some of the men are prisoners among the Turks and will ultimately be returned, but it is only a hope. The Turks are not very kind to prisoners.

N. C. NATIONAL GUARD MAKES GOOD SHOWING

Numbers 222 Officers and 2,975 Enlisted Men

Official Figures Forwarded War Department—Wake Republican Primaries—Negro Drowns—$60,000 in Loans Approved.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—Official figures just forwarded to the War Department at Washington by Adjutant General Laurence W. Young, as to the status of the North Carolina National Guard show 222 officers and 2,975 enlisted men for the past year as compared with 211 officers and 2,809 enlisted men for 1914. The First infantry has 51 officers and 783 enlisted men; the Second infantry, 52 officers and 763 enlisted men; Third infantry, 51 officers and 793 men; Coast Artillery, 22 officers and 401 men; Cavalry, 6 officers and 109 enlisted men; the sanitary units, 25 officers and 126 enlisted men.

General Young is immensely pleased with the progress the units of the Guard have made in this State in the matter of proficiency and in capacity for conforming with the requirements of the War Department.

Republicans Hold Primaries.

The Wake county Republicans have just held their primaries for the selection of delegates from the various precincts to the Wake county party convention to be held in Raleigh February 22 to name delegates to the State Convention in Raleigh March 1. The contest in the precinct primaries was over the factional leanings of the delegates being voted for—whether they were "Duncan" or "Anti-Duncan." And the Duncan fatcion claims a good majority in the Raleigh precincts nad the anti-Duncan faction claims to have bagged the county precincts, the question of which will really be in control scarcely can be settled before the county convention assembles here and has a try-out in balloting on February 22. The Duncan forces insist that the convention will really show up as a united force without and factional differences, their claim being that the "hatchet" is really buried and that the Republicans are bent on casting a solid and harmonious vote. However, this is not generally anticipated as the outcome.

Drowned in Dash for Liberty.

Millard Sanders, a negro blockader, was drowned in Black Creek, near Four Oaks yesterday in a dash that he made to escape revenue raiders who surprised him at his still, according to report made by Internal Revenue Collector J. P. Stell. The officers destroyed the still and the blockader jumped into the creek in a desperate run he was making to get away. The officers waded in the creek, sometimes up to their necks, for three hours before they recovered the body of the negro. The still was of sixty gallons capacity and there was a thousand gallons of distilling material in process of fermentation. It was one of the biggest plants captured in quite a while.

$60,000 in Loans Approved.

The State Board of Education has just approved $60,000 of loans from the State loan fund for aiding in the erection of rural school houses, the applications granted being well distributed throughout the State, twenty-five counties being represented. At the same meeting the board closed a deal for the sale of a large tract of swamp lands in Jones county to the Jones-Onslow Lumber Co., which has heretofore purchased immense adjacent tracts.

TELLS OF RAIDS MADE BY THE ZEPPELINS ON LONDON

Percy Trilnick, a Londoner, is Glad to Be Safe in the U. S. A.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 13.—Percy Trilnick, a Londoner, just six weeks out of the metropolis, is glad to be in the U. S. A. since the Zeppelins started visiting the English city. He talks interestingly of the raids. "They are terrifying experiences," he declares, describing how the giant dirigibles swooped down in the night to bomb the most populous neighborhoods of the city, killing and maiming many persons, wrecking property and starting fires, and how the anti-aircraft guns and searchlights on the tall buildings searched out the unwelcome visitors in the sky but damaged them little. A lot of excitement was caused each time the Zeppelins came, he said, and the din of the battles was nerve-shattering. "The English are, to a man, confident of victory," Mr. Trilnick says. He has been here on a business visit, and is making his home in Norfolk.

EX-SLAVE IS LOCKED UP

He Assaulted Another Negro Who Laughed at Him in Barber Shop.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Magnolia, N. C., Feb. 13.—Pete Nicholson, an ex-slave, about eighty years old, and one of the oldest persons, if not the oldest, in this section, was up before Mayor Kornegay yesterday for an assault on Issac Carr, also colored. It seems like "Uncle Pete," as he is known by hundreds of people and who says that he has never been in any kind of trouble before, was in Richard Pearsall's barber shop being shaved when Carr, who runs a shoe repair shop next door to the barber shop, began to laugh at "Uncle Pete" because he failed to have a dime to pay for his shave. "Uncle Pete" seemed to think that it was bad enough not to have the dime without having Carr laugh at him and asked Carr to stop. When Carr failed to do so "Uncle Pete" assaulted him, with the result that he is in the town prison until he can raise the $5 and costs assessed against him by the mayor, while Carr is home nursing his bruises.

J. C. EATON LEADS FRESHMAN CLASS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Good Roads Institute Closes—President Graham to New Orleans.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, Feb. 12.—That J. C. Eaton, a freshman in the University, from Winston-Salem, led his class in the recent examinations was made known by the registrar of the University today. Mr. Eaton performed the rare feat of winning ones on all his studies, five ones altogether. He is the only man in his class to do this. His brother, W. C. Eaton, almost equalled his record, securing three ones out of five subject studies. Both boys are sons of Mayor Eaton, of Winston-Salem.

President E. K. Graham has just accepted an invitation to make an address before the Southern Sociological Congress, in New Orleans, La., April 12-16.

THEATRICAL

The following criticism of "The Bohemian Girl," which will be seen at the Academy of Music on next Saturday giving a matinee and night performance, was taken from the Macon News of January 15:

"Not within the memory of the present generation, anyway, has Macon had a better sung presentation of 'The Bohemian Girl.' Though seventy-three years old, this comic opera, with decidedly more opera than comedy, is still popular and retains its perennial charm. * * *

"The Boston English Opera Company has been coming to Macon for several years, featuring Joseph Sheehan, the tenor, and right now it really has notable ability. The chorus can really sing, both men and women. There is plenty of volume and a pleasing harmony of voices.

"Some time since a spectacular production of 'The Bohemian Girl' appeared here, with Gypsy equipment, plenty of live stock, and unusual scenic embellishments. The present show does not carry these features, but it is withal a much more creditable offering. It is far better sung, and its stage effects are satisfactory.

"One of the distinguishing features is the way in which the opera has been brightened and enlivened. Comedy features have been interpolated, by way of relief, and a few liberties have been taken with the score. For instance, in the second act the soprano improves the finale of 'I Dreamt That I Dwelt in Marble Halls,' with a bit of vocal gymnastics, jumping more than an octave and taking B natural. This is done easily and cleverly by Miss Mirth Carmen, who sings 'Arline.'

"Throughout the whole performance these is abundant evidence of intelligent stage direction and of ambitious effort. The opera moves with life and ginger, and never drags, as so many performances of 'The Bohemian Girl' have done.

"Like most experienced singers, Mr. Sheehan has taken on considerable flesh, and is no longer lithe and sprightly. But how he does sing! His voice is just as flexible, as resonant, and as musical as when he sang for the Castle Square Opera Company ten or twelve years ago. It is a genuine pleasure to hear him, and in his subdued rendition of 'Then You'll Remember Me' he does an especially pleasing and effective piece of vocal work.

"Miss Mirth Carmen, young and pretty, has a sweet, yet strong soprano, and sings without apparent effort. For a woman of slight physique, she has a remarkable volume. Indeed, her vocal equipment throughout is admirable.

"Expert make-up and dramatic fire added to the excellence of the performance of Robert A. White in the part of Devilshoof, the Gypsy chief. Unlike the majority of grand opera singers, he is an actor, and in this respect he makes the most of every opportunity."

"The Boston English Opera Company seems to have attained a stable success, and as it is much ahead of the average one-night grand opera organization it deserves largely of public patronage. Next year it will undertake another of the old favorites, choosing probably from 'Martha,' 'Maritana' or 'Faust.'"

Special prices will prevail for the matinee performance, being from 50 cents to $1. Night prices will range from 50 cents to $2. The advance sale of tickets will open Thursday morning at Plummer's.

GERALDINE FARRAR
Presenting Her Second Great Photoplay Feature, "Temptation," at the Royal Today.

"The Temptation"—Royal Today.

Today is a photoplay event in Wilmington, the Royal presenting the second great Geraldine Farrar feature-supreme, "Temptation," an event that should not be missed by a single lover of good photoplays.

The story of an opera singer's career is depicted in the second Geraldine Farrar photo-dramatic production of "The Temptation," produced under the direction of the Jesse L. Lasky Company.

This thrilling drama was especially written for Miss Farrar by Hector Turnbull, formerly critic on the New York Tribune. It is produced by Cecil B. DeMille, the splendid artiste, who was responsible for the success of Miss Farrar's first picture, "Carmen."

The scenes of this photodrama are laid in New York City—some in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and others in the big Opera House.

The story of the play has to do with the struggles of a young cafe singer to become an operatic star and yet retain the love and respect of her fiance, who is a young violinist and composer.

In the cast supporting Miss Farrar are the well-known artists, Pedro de Cordoba, Theodore Roberts, Elsie Jane Wilson, Raymond Hattan, Ernest Joy, Anita King, and other members of the all-star Lasky organization. Packed houses have greeted the production in the largest cities, where it has been proclaimed another masterpiece. Packed houses will be the order today, so everyone should come as early as possible.

Billie Ritchie at Bijou.

Billie Ritchie—always laughable in anything you see him in—comes to the Bijou today in his latest and greatest two-reel L-Ko knockout, "Knocks and Opportunities," with Reggie Morris, Louise Orth, and other great L-Ko laugh-makers. Billie's a bum, in the beginning, and the scenes showing the rivalry over the hand of pretty Louise, witness the regeneration of Billie from a bum to a gentleman. It all gets good and better for the entire two registered at the wedding reception, when Billie puts all the guests to sleep by deftly administered ether to the bride's bouquet. It's a scream, and will simply make you roll off your seat with convulsions.

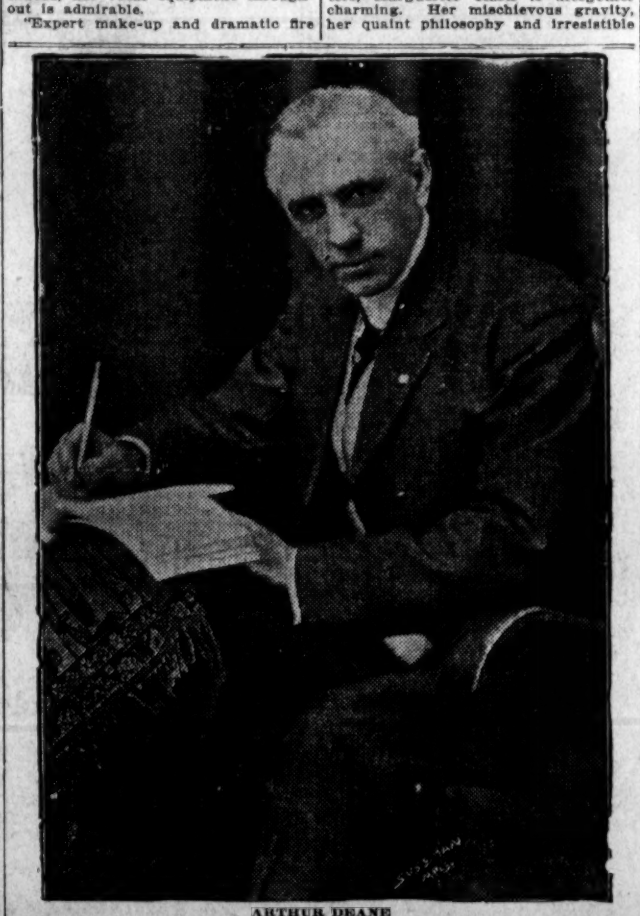
Myrtle Gonzales and Frank Newburg are seen in a great single reel Laemmle dramatic feature, "Her Dream Man," with some strong comedy situations mixed up throughout the whole reel.

Popular Mary Fuller, with Paul Panzer and Glen White, is seen in another one of those sea dramas, "A Sea Mystery," in which pretty Mary is again seen in some striking and daring costumes.

Feature Day at the Grand.

Feature day at the Grand! That's going to come to mean something once or twice every week for Wilmington amusement-lovers, for, in addition to the Royal's great features, the management is booking every extraordinary feature released, which there is no room for at the Royal, and will present the "overflow" of big features at the Grand. The first one is today, presenting "the girl that is different," Marguerite Clark, in one of her very greatest characterizations, "Seven Sisters," a Paramount feature presented by Daniel Frohman.

"Seven Sisters," the celebrated trans-Atlantic comedy success, adapted for the American stage by Edith Ellis Furniss, and presented for several seasons at the Lyceum Theatre in New York by Daniel Frohman, tells the amusing story of the widow of an army officer in a small garrison town in Hungary, who has seven daughters ranging from seven to twenty-two. As Mici, the principal of the Seven Sisters, Marguerite Clark is altogether charming. Her mischievous gravity, her quaint philosophy and irresistible girlishness make the role completely captivating. It's a great feature, and these extraordinary features are to be presented at the same price as charged for them at the Royal—ten cents for adults and 5 cents for children.



ARTHUR DEANE
As the "Count," in the All-Star Bohemian Girl Company, Which Comes to the Academy of Music, Matinee and Night, on Next Saturday.

BILLIE RITCHIE
In the Great Two-Reel Comedy "Knocks and Opportunities," at The Bijou Today.

Valeska Suratt—Royal Tomorrow.

Valeska Suratt, the most discussed woman on the stage of screen, as is known to theatre-goers the world over, the fashion plate of the dramatic profession. Her gowns have made millions gasp by their daring and beauty as well as by their dazzling lavishness of design. In making her screen debut in "The Soul of Broadway," the latest of the great William Fox photo-dramas, which is booked for one day at the Royal tomorrow, Miss Suratt has outdone all her previous efforts in gowns and millinery, fashioned by famous modistes.

In all she wears 150 gowns, some daringly and uniquely simple, others that are calculated to make the feminine portion of her spectators break into astonished exclamations when they see them. It is estimated that in the cause of "The Soul of Broadway" Miss Suratt changes her garments with every 40 feet of film. Many of them are designed to match the "sets" of "The Soul of Broadway," which latter in themselves are quite unlike anything yet seen in a motion picture, and were especially designed for William Fox by a celebrated artist of the ultra-modern school. Record breaking crowds are predicted for this feature tomorrow.

MARGUERITE CLARK
Starring in "Seven Sisters," Paramount Feature at The Grand Today.

BUSINESS MEN AT PRAYER.

Series at Red Springs Productive of Much Good—Young People.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Red Springs, N. C., Feb. 13. — Beginning during the famous Holcomb meetings here last Summer and continuing ever since the business men of Red Springs hold every Thursday afternoon a business men's prayer meeting, which meets alternately in the different business offices of the town. The meeting last Thursday afternoon was conducted by Mr. A. B. Pearsall, president of the Bank of Red Springs, who took as his subject: "Our Boys and Girls of Today the Men and Women of Tomorrow." One of the things that impressed those present most was Mr. Pearsall's strong and earnest appeal for the boys and young men. Said he: "The reins of government of both Church and State will soon be placed in their hands, and on their shoulders will soon rest weightier responsibilities, hence, we must not only teach them by example, but must take them by the hand and give them the words of encouragement they need and appreciate." Statesmen and men filling prominent and useful positios in life and criminals, said the speaker, are all made from the same material.

These weekly meetings have meant much for Red Springs and are daily growing in numbers and interest, and no man has at heart the interests of the young men of Red Springs more than A. B. Pearsall.

ROBERT DUNN WINS SUIT

Awarded $1,000 Each for the Loss of Two Fingers.

(Special Star Corerspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 12.—A thousand dollars each for the loss of two fingers was the sum that a jury yesterday afternoon awarded Robert E. Dunn, a young white man of Bridgeton, who was suing tae John L. Roper Lumber company for damages in the sum of $18,000 for the loss of a pair of fingers while he was employed by the defendant company.

Mr. Dunn claimed that the fault of the accident lay at the door of the defendant company and the jury decided with him. However, they were of the opinion that the sum asked for was entirely too much and cut it down to a coup e of thousand dollars.

NEW THREE-STORY HOTEL TO BE BUILT AT SOUTHPORT

Mr. L. Miller Plans Important Addition to His Cafe Business.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Southporta, Feb. 13.—Mr. L. Miller, the proprietor of Miller's Cafe, is planning a most important addition to his business, in the building of a three-story brick structure, for hotel purposes, on his property adjoining his present large two story frame building, in which is a cafe, pool-room and where transients can find very comfortable rooms for the night.

The business in Mr. Miller's present quarters has grown to such an extent, particularly in the demand for hotel accommodations, that to meet the situation the new building is to be erected. The location is fine, overlooking the river. It is proposed to have a flower plot at the entrance, which will prove an attraction. On the first floor will be reception rooms, dining room and office.

On the second story, in front and extending over the side-walk, will be a dancing floor, over which awnings will be stretched when needed, or it can be left open as the weather may permit. The rest of the second and third floors will be devoted to bedrooms, some thirty-five in number, each with bath. The estimated cost for this new hotel and furnishings is between $10,000 and $12,000.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY PLANNED AT ELON COLLEGE

College and People of Surrounding Country to Co-Operate.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Elon College, N. C., Feb. 13.—Elon College, co-operating with the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and the Christian Endeavor Society, has decided on a new departure this year—a community service day. The date set for the event is February 26, the last Saturday in the Month, which day is to be annually set apart for this purpose.

The aim is to bring the college and its organized religious life into vital touch with the surrounding community. This year every citizen of Boon Station township, ten miles long and four miles wide, is to be personally invited to be present. A free dinner is to be served in the college dining hall. In charge of this part of the programme is a committee of young women of the college, of which Miss Alma Bowden, of Norfolk, Va., is chairman.

The State Department of Agriculture has generously provided five speakers who are as follows: Major W. A. Graham, Mr. J. L. Hurgess, Mr. R. G. Hill, Mr. T. B. Parker, and Miss Jamison.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRL

Run-Down, Weak and Nervous Made Strong by Vinol.

For the benefit of Wilmington school girls who overwork and get into highly nervous, weak and run-down condition, we publish this letter from Dorris Copller, of Fort Worth, Tex.—"I go to the high school and take music lessons, and became rundown, weak and very nervous, so I could not do anything. I would shake all over and could have screamed at times, and was really unfit to keep on with my studies. Mother purchased a bottle of Vinol for me, and within a week I was better, and in two weeks I had gained five pounds and felt fine."

It is the curative strengthening elements of the true cod liver extract, aided by the blood-making, revitalizing effect of peptonate of iron and beef peptone, contained in Vinol, which made it so successful in building up health and strength and overcoming the nervous condition of Miss Copller, and we ask every school girl in Wilmington who is in a like condition to try Vinol, on our guarantee to return their money if it fails to benefit.

Robert R. Bellamy, Druggist, Wilmington, N. C.

BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

ROYAL

Wilmington's Modern Movie"

Tomorrow!

William Fox Presents

Valeska Suratt

THE WHITE WAY'S SCINTILLATING SUNBURST

—in—

"The Soul Of Broadway"

A BRILLIANT PHOTOPLAY OF NEW YORK LIFE.

THE HEART OF NEW YORK IS BARED, WITH ITS GOOD AND EVIL IMPULSES!

Adults, 15c. Children, 10c.

Academy, Saturday February 19

MATINEE AND NIGHT

THE ORIGINAL ALL-STAR REVIVAL OF THE

"Bohemian Girl"

IT'S BETTER TO SAY: "GEE, IT WAS GREAT!"

THAN——

"I AM SORRY I MISSED IT."

SEATS AT PLUMMER'S THURSDAY.

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FREE $50.00 IN TICKETS

For the Boston English Opera Company's Famous All Star Revival of the

"BOHEMIAN GIRL"

The World's Most Popular Comic Opera Coming to the

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Matinee and Night.

The Morning Star has always stood for civic improvement and believes that the coming of high class attractions to this city is of vital importance.

It therefore greets with pleasure the coming of the Boston English Opera Company in its all-star revival of the "Bohemian Girl," and in order to encourage interest in this city in the better class of attractions, offers the following prizes for the seven (7) best articles on "WHY THE BOHEMIAN GIRL IS THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR COMIC OPERA." These prizes are as follows:

LIST OF PRIZES:

1st Prize, a lower box (Six Seats), at $2.50 ..... $15.00
2nd Prize, an upper box (Six Seats), at $2.00 ..... 12.00
3rd Prize, four orchestra seats, at $2.00 ..... 8.00
4th Prize, four orchestra circle, at $1.50 ..... 6.00
5th Prize, two orchestra seats, at $2.00 ..... 4.00
6th Prize, two orchestra circle seats, at $1.50 ..... 3.00
7th Prize, two balcony seats, at $1.00 ..... 2.00

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST:

Article must be written on one side of paper only and must contain not more than 200 words. This and subsequent notices appearing in these columns contain all the information that will be given in regard to the contest.

All articles must be addressed in sealed envelope and MAILED to Contest Editor, care of Wilmington Star, and must be in hand by 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, February 15th, 1916.

The names and winners will be announced in The Morning Star of Thursday, February 17th and prizes awarded on that day.

The judges of the contest will be Mrs. E. K. Bryan, Mr. J. A. Northam and Mr. E. H. Munson. From the decision of the judges there will be no appeal.

The article may deal with any particular phase of the opera or, as a whole, but must not contain more than 200 words.

Contestants may see book containing the story of The Bohemian Girl and its principal song hits at the office of the Academy of Music at any time. Or, this data may be secured doubtless at the Public Library.

Articles should be submitted, if possible, typewritten, and they WILL NOT be used for publication without consent of the writer.

THE ROYAL

"Wilmington's Modern Movie"

SHOWS START

11:00 A. M.
12:30 P. M.
2:00 "
3:30 "
5:00 "
6:30 "
8:00 "
9:30 "

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—in—

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Famous Artist who Created a Sensation in the Picture Version of "Carmen," Enacts Role of Great Opera Singer. Life Behind the Scenes of a Great Opera Company, and True Incidents in This Big Photoplay.

ADULTS, 15c. CHILDREN, 10c.

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"The Girl That Is Different."

In His Famous Lyceum Theatre Success,

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A Thoroughly Delightful Tale of Romantic Youth, with Marguerite Clark's Quaint Philosophy and Irresistible Girlishness Pervading the Captivating Story Throughout.

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In His Latest and Greatest Two-Reel L-Ko Knockout.

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With Paul Panzer and Glen White

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THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

MONDAY MORNING, FEB. 14, 1915.

Wilmington ought to have a manufacturers' association.

Some reformers are grat talkers but some great performers have very little to talk about.

"Survival of the fittest." Couldn't make Goliath believe that if he had ever lived to tell the tale.

The dry goods advertiser wrote it "Checked dimities," but the compositor set it up "Chicken dimities." Both were right.

More trouble is going to start in March. Armed merchant vessels are going to be the cause of it.

Well, well, old tops, look back on the day when they lived in a fool's paradise and they all agree that it was the happiest time of their lives.

As a general thing Paris has little to say about the result of the fighting. When France has nothing to say it is about as reliable as what the others report.

A Japanese philosopher says "always let a woman have her own way." Well, that would keep her from having her own way anyhow and then regarding it as a triumph.

Pacificists who go to Washington to fight national preparedness complain that the newspapers ignore them. No, the papers do not ignore them. Their space is valuable.

A man complains that one of his friends fell out with him on account of his friend's dog. That's nothing. Some people love their dogs more than they do their friends.

The Federation of Woman's Clubs is agitating censorship for ball rooms in order to prohibit sensationally dressed ladies from making the ball the talk of the town. We pass.

Everybody wants to get on the pay roll, and it's Uncle Samuel's pay roll, at that. The more a fellow can get something for nothing the more he wants that something or other.

Nobody from North Carolina is a candidate for Secretary of War. Of course, if the President would insist, 3,000 North Carolinians would submit to being approached on the subject.

The ministers all over the country are being urged to preach on this text next Sunday: "Peace First, With the Means of Maintaining it." However, the means to an end has to be first.

"What's all that noisiness over there," inquired the disturbed citizen. "Dat, suh," replied Rastus, "is de cop-perative kitchen for dis neighborhood. Every one of the ladies is there and each is insistein' on putting her cookin' style in effect."

The main entrance to the Atlantic ocean can be reached by either trolley or automobile from Wilmington. It requires only a few minutes to make the trip, while the trips are so numerous they are only 20 to 30 minutes apart when the people want to reach the Atlantic, where the ocean, sounds, inlets, inshore channels, shell islands, salt water marshes, oyster beds, fishing grounds, and yachting waters, on the sounds or on the ocean, are combined in picturesque variety. Those who have reached the Atlantic at various points, immediately recognize the fact that this is the main entrance to old ocean.

The big jubilee of the Y. W. C. A. begins March 3, the fiftieth anniversary of the association. Celebrations are going to be held all over the United States. The association had its birth in Boston fifty years ago, but there are not many ladies who are going to insist that they were charter members. There are in the United States at the present time 981 branch associations, and the work throughout the whole country has greater inspiration in it than ever. Wilmington waited nearly fifty years before organizing an association but is going to make up for lost time. This city should have at least three city branches of the local association.

FACING THE MUSIC

There are times when parties as well as men have to face the music, and this seems to be one of the times when various issues have to be squarely met. "He who hesitates is lost" is an old saying, so the present times require courage in men and wisdom and courage in parties. They are all in the same boat.

All parties are in it and none can escape. The old fashioned trimmer may as well intern himself with the dodo, and the party which now straddles and equivocates surely will have to answer for it to the people. The people are threatening them all and some of them are a menace, such as the Democratic party in Georgia realizes. Organized labor in that state threatens to pull away from the Democratic party if it will not enact certain reform legislation in the interest of working people. The Atlanta Constitution says the labor organization has "long demanded" certain legislation, which has met favorable endorsement in the state.

The Constitution refers to the fact that Georgia is a one party state, and declares that out of it has grown a disposition to avoid certain issues, else temporize with them. However, that paper says that unless the labor interests are given assurance, the State Federation of Labor will go into the political field and make its own fight for what it wants. That certainly would draw the issue very sharply and force the hand of the Democratic party.

A courageous party will stand pat against all threats from whatever source they come, if they are unreasonable or impossible, but a just party will do whatever is reasonable to meet the demands of the people, not contrary to the interests of the state.

The laborites demand compulsory education for one thing and the Constitution says there are unobjectionable demands that should receive prompt attention by the party. No doubt the Georgia Democrats will be equal to the occasion and be willing to give any party a fight on fair and square issues. This is the day for taking a stand and to make sure that it is the right stand that is to be taken. The Georgia Federation of Labor may be right or it may be wrong, but it is up to the Democratic party to be frank and honest to promise what is right and reject what it cannot stand for, whether it be politics or fads that have to be looked into.

This is practically the situation confronting the parties in all the states, and the signs are that the people are looking to them for clear cut declarations during this year's campaign. The Democratic party has to go into the fight on its record and declarations, and the people are not going back on it because some people seek its defeat.

TILLMAN'S COUNTER THREAT

Senator Tillman, of the Senate Naval committee, is satisfied of the passage of the bill favorably reported by his committee, appropriating $11,000,000 for a government armor plate plant. The armor plate manufacturers have done everything in their power against the bill and their spokesman, Senator Penrose, even threatened on thier behalf that if the government put in a plant, the Bethlehem and Midvale companies would increase their prices $200 a ton for plate. Senator Tillman told him he guessed there was a way to stop the robbers, and that in time of trouble the government would not do a thing but seize their plants.

Probably no such brazen threat was ever made against this country than that of the armor barons. As creatures of a paternal and liberal government they have attempted to intimidate their creator. They are the same concerns which in 1896 charged the government $540 a ton for armor plate while they supplied their foreign customers with plate for $249 a ton. Meanwhile, people were paying tariff taxes for their benefit and enabling them to sell foreigners armor plate at $291 a ton less than they charged their own government. They are the same patriots who were fined $140,484.94 by the administration of President Cleveland for delivering to the government armor plate that was full of blow holes and which was cracked and resurfaced, a deliberate attempt to swindle their government and send to sea battle warships that would have been dangerously defective.

PAPERS WHICH DECEIVE

The New York Sun is not the only Republican paper which blows hot and cold without any fear of being considered inconsistent. With them, it is anything to embarrass or beat Wilson, and so it was that so long as they considered Secretary Garrison and his continental army plan as a part and parcel of Wilson's national preparedness programme they assailed it.

Just prior to Secretary Garrison's resignation from the cabinet the Evening Sun constantly attacked his proposed continental army as "popgun defense." Suddenly, however, when Secretary Garrison resigned because the President would not "irrevocably" commit himself to the Secretary's continental army, the Evening Sun became greatly troubled and grievously remarked: "It is disquieting to all believers in preparedness that the whole continental army plan should be revealed as doomed."

That seems to be genuine grief over the apparent defeat of what the Sun had previously called "popgun defense," and the New York World very aptly remarks that it all "demonstrates the fine intellectual sincerity of a good deal of the criticism of the Wilson administration."

Do the people pay any attention to those papers or men who blow hot today and cold tomorrow, and play a double hand just to make it hard on the President of the United States?

TWO CRITICS GET THE HOOK

The statement given out by Mr. A. J. Maxwell, secretary of the State Corporation Commission, published in yesterday's Star, puts the hook in one Marion Butler, of Washington, and one J. E. Little, of Charlotte, both of whom had endeavored to make Republican capital out of the taxation question in North Carolina. The Charlotte sage had broadcasted a letter dubbed "Political Thunder," while Butler soon followed with a pamphlet entitled "Excessive Taxes and Debt." Their whole aim was to discredit the Democratic administration in North Carolina by appealing to ignorance and prejudice against the State Democracy.

We don't know very much about Mr. Little except that he is a Charlotte Republican who wants to get himself known throughout the State, but as to Butler we are not surprised that the State had to be defended from one of his numerous political assaults, particularly about election time, when he thinks North Carolina may yet have good "pickings" for him. This is not the first time that somebody or other loyal to their mother State has had to protect it from Marion Butler. We should not think the average State-loving North Carolinian would permit himself to be influenced or impressed a little bit by the Butler pamphlet, when all he has to do is to observe the name of "Marion Butler" attached to it. That is surely enough to cook its goose.

However, Secretary Maxwell took the trouble to vindicate the State and the Democratic party and the State's school system from the Little letter and the Butler pamphlet. Secretary Maxwell easily puts the two croakers in the hole, for he publishes the figures and facts which annihilate the Little-Butler butters in.

The improved school system and school interests of North Carolina are the things that Democrats and Republicans in this State ought to be proud of. Wonderful progress has been made, and whatever has been the taxation necesary to make that progress, the people are getting something for their money. Comparing school matters in North Carolina in 1898 with those of 1916 is like comparing a toy gun with a Krupp monster. The comparison attempted by both Little and Butler is a puerile and puny venture, and Maxwell surely puts the bodkin right in the two wind bags so they can collapse together.

Why, indeed, if the North Carolina school system should need economy the State certainly could not look to Butler and his cohorts for or expect of them relief or betterment of any description. Butler is a relic of chaos in North Carolina in the nineties, and his voice from his place of doom ought to make the cold chills run over a true blue North Carolinian.

Butler takes himself with grotesque seriousness, but Secretary Maxwell has given him a dose that ought to hold him for a while.

An old fellow in New York charged his wife with punching him in the jaw. He acknowledged that at one time he had enough money to be her asset but here of late she seemed bent on punching her meal ticket till he could not stand it any more.

After all that Congress has heard about national defense, it fails yet to grasp the situation. At this time Congress is grasping at the situation and within five years will fully wake up to the necessity of an efficient army as well as an adequate navy.

MOURNING BAD ADVERTISING

Visitor Praises Climate But Dislikes Too Much Black.

(State Board of Health).

"I cannot reconcile your beautiful, healthful climate with so many costumes of mourning," said a Raleigh visitor from the Pacific coast recently. "Why, I neevr saw so many women wearing long black veils which I am told indicate they have lost either a loved one or a near relative. I don't know just how you people feel about this custom but it puts a sinister feeling on me, a stranger.

"I don't know what your actual death rate is," continued the speaker, "but so much heavy mourning certainly does not give your town good advertising, especially from a health view points. And yet with this beautiful climate whose air is so light and invigorating that you prefer to live outdoors all the year through, I don't see why this should not be made and advertised as a winter health resort. We are proud of our climate," said he, "but we have no such winter weather as this.

The conversation continued on health lines and the speaker declared emphatically that people of the South as a whole did not appreciate their wonderful climate nor the good health that they might naturally and easily have. He said he paid a physician regularly to keep himself and family well and that he was now enjoying splendid health from the fact that he went regularly to his physician to be looked over and examined instead of first getting sick and then sending for the doctor.

CURRENT COMMENT

As a failure the decease of the Fourth National bank of Fayetteville may be truthfully characterized as a fizzle. The last failure they had down there went off with a bang that reverberated throughout the whole section for years; but nowadays it takes more than a mere bank to jar Fayetteville.—Greensboro News.

Hon. George E. Hood, of Goldsboro, who is ably representing this district in Congress, in an interview given out yesterday at Goldsboro, declared that he did not fear the opposition of a Republican candidate who is planning to enter the race against him. Our opinion of the matter is that if Congressman Hood holds his seat in Congress until ousted by a Republican, he will be right there when the famous question as to "Who Hit Billy Patterson?" is decided.—Newbern Sun-Journal.

In 1913, the total amount of public school funds raised by local taxation was $3,595,743, and our rank in this particular was 25th. Ninety-one cents of every dollar spent for public schools in the State was raised by local taxation; and in this particular we ranked fifth. That is to say, in willingness to bear local tax burdens for schools we stand ahead of every state in the Union except Florida, Rhode Island, Kansas, and Massachusetts. Other States lean heavily upon large lump appropriations by the legislatures. North Carolina derives only 9 per cent. of her common-school money in this way, but Georgia derives 65 per cent. of her school fund from this source, and Alabama 74 per cent. All told, however, our public school tax burden in 1913 was only $1.75 per inhabitant, and it was heavier in 46 states. Our school fund per child of school age was only $8.01, and it was more in 47 states. These are small sums for large purposes; too small when we consider what other states are doing for their children.—University News-Letter.

RESULTS OF "SAFETY FIRST"

Marked Reduction in Number of Railroad Accidents.

(Pittsburgh Press).

The most remarkable safety record in the history of American railroads was made in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915. The total number of fatalities was the smallest in 13 years. Not in 19 years have fewe rpassengers been killed and not in 17 years have fewer employed been killed. Yet last year the railroads carried 93 per cent. more passengers than in 1896 and employed 106 per cent. more me nthan in 1898.

How has this remarkable new safety record been achieved? It is not all to the credit of improved railroad conditions and the extra precautions which have resulted from the workmen's compensation laws. These have not yet made any railroad "fool proof." In good measure, the 1915 safety record is due to the "safety first" movement. Constant repetition of this catchword is beginning to show results. Its first effect has been upon the individual. He has assumed greatly responsibility of keeping out of danger. And that is indispensable. The next result of safety first should be a persistent public demand for every possible protection from accident at all times and in all places. In certain quarters the preaching about "safety first" has been designed to make the public take all of the blame for whatever happens. Manufacturers and transportation companies—Big Business—have promoted our liberal education in this respect, and the results speak for themselves. It is an education which has been abundantly justified by its fruits. But it must not be forgotten that there are two sides to the problem. The public must take better care of itself, of course, and in addition to that the railroads must be compelled to adopt proper safety equipment. The Pennsylvania is a conspicuous example of what complete safety equipment does to make railroad travel almost as safe as sitting in an arm chair in one's own home, and that road's equipment is the standard to which roads in all parts of the country should be forced to conform.

"BILLS IS BILLS" ANY TIME.

Never Very Welcome, Not Usually Easy to Pay.

(Indianapolis News.)

Pigs may be pigs—there is no good or lawful reason why they should not be pigs—but the historic question as to whether pigs is or is not pigs is of little consequence in comparison to the present certainty that bills is bills. There are, as a matter of fact, many points of similarity between the pigs that is pigs and the bills that is bills. They are similar in the matter of number and increase. Nobody wants either of them and nobody knows what to do with them when he gets them. They are alike in that they come in the most inconvenient times.

The historic pigs were unexpected. Bills are never really expected. Of course a person always knows that they are coming some day, but that is some day, and something may happen before then, although, of course, nothing ever does. Instead, it seems all at once as though every day were some day and there are all the bills, as unexpected as the pigs.

It does not matter how you treat bills. You may look them in the face or defy them or prophesy all sorts of evil that may befall them. Bills is bills. If you forget them they multiply more rapidly. If you ignore them they come again in the next mail. If you attempt to dissect them they leap together again into the same disturbing whole. One is, for example, often tempted to dissect the plumber's bill.

It is, however, well to go prepared to meet bills at any time. Some of them, like the water bill, wait to jump out at you when you have forgotten all about them. All of these, of course, are respectable, legitimate bills. Bills that really are bills are the bills for things that we did not need and did not want.

BICYCLES COMING BACK.

Million Will be Built in America This Year.

(Indianapolis News.)

The bicycle is returning to favor. By some, to be sure, it is contended that it never went out of favor. They hold that other interests merely eclipsed it in point of publicity. It fell into neglect, not into disfavor.

The main thing is that more bicycles are being sold today than ever before in the history of the industry and that bicycle factories, during the last year, increased their capacity to satisfy the demand.

During 1915, experts agree, 1,000,000 wheels will be built in America. And 1,000,000 wheels, the presumption is, will be sold in 1916. Of these, a larger proportion than formerly will be bicycles for women. For women, it appears from the statistics, are also again regarding the bicycle with favor. Much of this increase in manufacture and consumption is due to road improvement. The automobile, to a great extent, has brought this about and, in addition, has been the means of establishing better facilities for road tours than formerly prevailed. Where an automobile can be repaired, there also a bicycle can be repaired. And inns, places of refreshment, have multiplied. Touring, too, is more pleasant than it was in the old bicycling days of the past, for, to mention only one change for the better, miles upon miles of highway today are oiled. In the palmy days of the wheel, these same roads were often inches deep in dust.

Clubs of bicyclists, also, are increasing. Clubs, even are being organized among women riders. The rapid extension of suburban life is another cause contributing to the renewed popularity of the wheel. Both men and women, migrating from city to suburb, find the bicycle a convenience if not a necessity. In the country, too, it is being used more than formerly.

WHEELS TURN BACKWARD.

A Moving Picture Illusion is Herewith Explained.

(Frome the Illustrated World.)

Every person who has gone to the "movies" has probably noticed when there is a picture thrown on the screen which involves the rotation of a wheel having spokes, such as those on a buggy or an automobile, that as the wheel first starts to rotate it appears to revolve in unison with the rest of the picture, but as it gains speed it suddenly appears to rotate backward, rapidly at first; then it slowly stops turning, although the vehicle gains in speed. It then seems to rotate forward slowly, but not with the speed of the rest of the vehicle. The film manufacturers have not been able to eliminate this unfortunate illusion. Many explanations have been heard, but they seldom approach the right one.

The moving picture is based on the fact that the retina of the eye retains the vision for a small fraction of a second. A moving object seen on the screen in reality is a series of pictures projected with such rapidity that the retina of the eye still has the vision of one projection when the next appears. Thus the picture appears to move. In the case of a revolving wheel the eye follows the spokes. To make the explanation as simple as possible the top spoke will be considered, and its subsequent position and phenomena analyzed.

The fact that the illusion springs from the very fundamental phenomenon of all "movie" work explains why manufacturers have been unable to eliminate it. Probably for that matter, they will be unable to eliminate it in the future, so the perverse wheels seem determined to stay with us so long as we have movies.

NORTH CAROLINA SHOWS HOW TO ADVERTISE

Trying to tell the story of North Carolina in our limited space would be pretty much like trying to condense Shakespeare into short-story form.

We must hew closely to our theme—advertising—and North Carolina furnishes us conspicuous examples of advertising success.

Along about 1870, at a time when the Civil War was fresh in the memories of men and its scars still unhealed, a young man, who had started life as a tobacco factory laborer, conceived a sound selling idea. The idea seems elementary, but its worth is attested by its remarkably successful development.

The young man inclined to the theory that better tobacco, and truth in selling it, would win more customers than a fancy description of common tobacco. Accordingly, he bought the best tobacco grown, manufactured it, loaded a wagon with it and drove through the North Carolina mountains, calling upon farmers and selling them a year's tobacco supply, often taking produce in exchange.

Each trip was more successful than the last. Farmers learned to depend upon the genial young manufacturer-merchant and his wares.

Thus was formed the foundation for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, which was established in 1875 at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, by the young man whose name it bore and who is today its president—not so young, but imbued with the same ideals that brought his earliest success.

The business was started in a little factory on a capital of $7,500, and manufactured 80,000 pounds of tobacco the first year. Today—41 years after the business was established—the production is enormously greater. Back of this stupendous growth have been three foremost factors—good tobacco, good advertising, and fair methods.

Seven years ago Prince Albert was an unknown brand. Quality and advertising have helped it to become known and smoked in every civilized country—the largest selling brand of smoking tobacco in the world! Through this advertising, millions of pipes have been brought to the firing line. Prince Albert is the only tobacco manufactured by a patented process. This process removes the tongue bite and throat parch.

Two years ago Camel Cigarettes were introduced in a market congested with a multitude of brands offering premiums of almost every nature. Camels captured the market immediately without any inducement except quality, and today are the biggest selling cigarettes in America.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company has created the largest independent tobacco business in America.

This is a tribute not alone to the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of their advertising, but to the opportunities that are open, now as never before in America, to rise to power and prestige from inconspicuous beginnings.

Quick business success is typically American, and modern advertising is essentially an American product. There is a sympathetic relation between the two and they are usually interlinked. We have seen and helped promote advertising successes as spectacularly resultful as last year's "warbride" investments and of a far more stable character.

No matter where the business is located, the potent power of advertising can stimulate the sales of a good article. Tobacco is a fairly staple article, yet advertising jumped Prince Albert and Camels from unknown brands to the leading sellers in a few years.

Another notable advertising success has been experienced by the P. H. Hanes Knitting Company, which, by the way, is also located in Winston-Salem.

Four years ago, the P. H. Hanes Knitting Company was seeking a wider market for Hanes Underwear. Ayer & Son were called into consultation, advertising was planned and placed, and for the past two years the Hanes Knitting Company has spent its spare time in seeking wider manufacturing facilities.

Today, the P. H. Hanes Knitting Company operates the largest mill in the world devoted to manufacturing heavyweight underwear.

Our part and pride in these two successful North Carolina institutions is in supplying their advertising. We have been a source of help to other North Carolina advertisers—the Maline Mills, the Durham Hosiery Mills, Asheville School for Boys, Bingham School, the Fleet School for Boys, and others, being numbered among our clients.

We know that there are more North Carolina businesses that would readily respond to wisely conceived advertising. The gates are open—who wants to grow?—N. W. Ayer & Son, in Printers' Ink.

You Get All

the wonderful *flavor* of the *blend* of Southern-grown Old Belt tobaccos in SOVEREIGN cigarettes—because you *don't* get any paper-taste in the smoke.

There are many grades of cigarette paper—the lower grades approaching ordinary paper, which burns with heavy odor and black, soot-like ash. The Imported French SOVEREIGN paper—the *best* cigarette paper in the world—burns with a *pure white ash!* SOVEREIGN is *all* enjoyment from first to last puff—no charring, no "going out." Smoke all you want—your throat will always feel cool and pleasant—

"Quality Tells!"

Coupons also good for Valuable Presents

THE AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.

"Did you see our salesman in Wilmington prove by actual burning test the purity of Sovereign Cigarettes?"

JUST RECEIVED

Car load Maxwell Cars, selling for	$ 655.00 F. O. B. Detroit
Car load Studebaker Cars	1,050.00 F. O. B. Detroit
Car load Studebaker 4 cyl	885.00 F. O. B. Detroit
Car load Hudson, 6 cyl	1,250.00 F. O. B. Detroit

We have some good values in used cars, and anything in the accessory line. We also carry the famous Pennsylvania Tires, that are guaranteed for 6,000 miles, adjustments on easing, if any, made right here in our office. It will pay to use this tire. For fast and lasting service, 'phone 814.

Lassiter-McDuffie Co., Inc.

114 NORTH SECOND ST.

Buy at Home

Following out the "Rotary" idea, Mr. Moore and his committee insist that the money that stays in Wilmington is the only money that really helps build the city. That being the case, patronize the

CAPE FEAR OIL CO.

The Only Oil Company in the City Whose Money Remains in Wilmington.

Valentines! Valentines!!

OURS ARE THE PRETTIEST IN TOWN. CALL AND MAKE YOUR SELECTION EARLY.

Northam's Book and Stationery Store

101 Princess St. 'Phone 651.

CHOICE MEATS

TURKEYS, GEESE, CHICKENS, FAT, FANCY STOCK ONLY.
A FULL LINE OF FLORIDA AND HOME GROWN VEGETABLES.

DAVIS & HINTZE

FRONT STREET MARKET.

CONDUCTORS VOTE TO BACK UP COMMITTEE

In Demand That White Audit System be Taken Off.

Canvass of Returns From Referendum Ballot on Atlantic Coast Line Show Practically Unanimous Affirmative Vote.

That 99.4 of the 575 Atlantic Coast Line passenger and freight conductors have voted to back up the general adjustment committee of the Order of Railway Conductors on this line in their demand that the White Audit System be taken off was the announcement made last night by Chairman S. J. Brooks following a canvass of the returns as made by members of the committee yesterday afternoon. The results will be formally made known to the Coast Line officials by the committee today.

As announced a week ago, the 13 members of the adjustment committee returned to the city yesterday bringing with them from the various local branches of the O. R. C. on the Coast Line the results of the ballots cast in the referendum voted during the past week. Chairman Brooks had been in the city for several days and called a meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon when the returns were formally canvassed.

Chairman Brooks refused to make any comment last night on the results of the referendum vote, further than to say that the results would be made known to the Coast Line officials today. He intimated, however, that in the event the Coast Line adhered to its intention to continue the White Audit System that the conductors would have a public statement to make outlining fully their position.

The adjustment committee, after three weeks of negotiations, with the railroad regarding the controversy decided a week ago to refer the matter to the conductors with a view to finding out whether or not they would back up the committee in its demand that the White Audit System be taken off. The members of the committee returned to their homes and during the past week every conductor on the Coast Line was seen.

While the new auditing system applies only to the passenger conductors, the freight conductors by their votes have also joined in the demand that the new auditing system be taken off.

The conductors declare that they do not object to having an auditing system. However, they insist that it shall be done by bona fide employers of the railroad and not by outsiders. They point out that the accounts of station agents are audited by employes of the company. They state they have nothing personal against Mr. White, Coast Line officials or anbody else but that they think the auditing system is wrong in principle. Their principal objection to the White system, they point out, is that it is nothing more nor less than a spying system and they declare that it will not work in the South.

Replying to the assertion of the railroad company that the system is used on some of the roads in the South, the conductors state in some instances this may be true but as a general proposition declare that Southern men will never stand for it.

RALEIGH MAN SELECTED.

To Head Executive Committee of State Sunday School Association.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the State Sunday School Association held in Goeensboro the past week, Mr. J. M. Broughton, Jr., of Raleigh, was elected chairman of the committee to succeed Dr. W. A. Harper, president of Elon College, who declined to stand for re-election. Mr. Broughton is a nephew of the late N. B. Broughton, who for 17 years served the committee as chairman. He is superintendent of the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday School, of Raleigh, which was made famous by his uncle, and is now considered one of the most efficient and best organized Sunday schools in the State.

F. L. Atkinson, of Greensboro, was elected a member of the committee to fill a vacancy caused by the election of Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, to the presidency of the association at its recent convention held in Salisbury. A. E. Tate, of High Point, was elected vice-chairman of the committee, and Miss Martha Dodier, secretary, with the following elected as members of the central committee: J. M. Broughton, Jr., Raleigh; George W. Watts, Durham; Hugh Parks, Franklinville; L. W. Clark, Spray; C. S. Starbuck, Winston; C. Brown Cox, Burlington; Gilbert T. Stephenson, Winston; R. G. Vaughn, Greensboro, and W. A. Harper, Elon College.

Perhaps the most important item acted upon at this meeting was the decision reached by the committee that the time had come to employ a special campaign manager for the association who would relieve Secretary Long of the necessity of undertaking to carry on three distinct and separate lines of work. This campaign manager is to be employed as soon as the finance committee and the committee on counsel and reference can see their way clear to finance him as a special.

MASONS TO HOLD CONVOCATION

Many Candidates Will Take Higher Degrees at Temple Next Month.

Good and true Masons, from the newly-fledged brethren, who have taken but few degrees, to those who are candidates for the highest that are conferred, will assemble in Wilmington for the special spring convocation of Scottish Rite bodies to be held in the Masonic Temple beginning, March 21 and ending March 23.

The programme for the business session for Tuesday morning, March 21, will begin at 11 o'clock with the conferring of degrees from the fourth to the eighteenth, inclusive; Wednesday, March 22, degrees from the nineteenth to the thirtieth, inclusive will be conferred on candidates, and the next day the thirty-first and thirty-second degrees will be conferred.

TO HAVE SOCIAL MEETING

Cape Fear Lodge of Odd Fellows to Have Supper Tomorrow Evening.

Members of Cape Fear Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, are anticipating quite a pleasant and enjoyable occasion tomorrow evening when a social meeting will be held in their hall, corner Third and Princess streets. Supper will be served and there will also be other features. The committee on arrangements is composed of Messrs. P. Heinsberger, W. H. Yopp and R. C. Fergus. All members of the lodge are cordially invited to attend.

EXPERIENCE GREAT TEACHER

Inspiring Sermon Preached by Rev. M. T. Plyler to Large Congregation, at Grace M. E. Church.

That the experiences of life are, after all, the greatest teachers, that religion broadens men in a way that mere knowledge and power of intellect can never do, and that life has its serious side and must be treated seriously in order properly to realize its true aims were some of the important lessons emphasized by Rev. M. T. Plyler in his morning sermon at Grace Methodist church yesterday. There was a large congregation present, there being few vacant seats in the large church auditorium.

"Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress," a clause from the first verse of the fourth Psalm, was the text. This presents a seeming paradox, said Mr. Plyler, for while there is nothing that we appreciate more than that of being large in our sympathies, in our wealth, in our resources of whatever character, yet there are none of us who are looking for sorrow, trouble or distress. At first glimpse then it hardly seems proper to consider the two together.

In studying nature, which, after all, is but an expression of God's plan, we find that its processes are slow. The world moves slowly but persistently. The history of nations shows the same thing. While in America, we are apt to boast of our accomplishments, yet when we study it closely we find that most of all that we have came from across the Atlantic. Our laws are based on the old common law of England and the Roman system of jurisprudence. We boast of our liberty, and it is a priceless possession, but it has been secured by a long, bloody march and has been purchased at the cost of millions of lives in the past. The same is true of our religion. There is much we owe to Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley, and a long list of others.

But life is more than that. It is a serious proposition. When we view the world in its gay attire, we may get the idea that there is little of seriousness, but when we examine it more closely we find a host of women toiling, thousands of men suffering and multitudes of children struggling. When we get down to the beating heart of humanity, we find there much suffering and trouble and distress. Edwin Markham's "Man With the Hoe," with the weight of the ages upon his brow, is no fanciful picture.

We find that there is more than seriousness, however. There is an element of the sacrificial in life. The law of the home is sacrifice. Father and mother must toil and suffer, struggle and watch. In order to build up communities we must have public spirited men, who are willing to make individual sacrifices for the public good. In the church and the Sunday school, there is a pronounced tendency today to make sacrifices for our brothers. It is aptly expressed in the motto: "My Brother and I."

The reason that so many people don't know much is because they haven't lived any. We learn to do by doing. The great teachers of the world have been the men of great experiences. The speaker cited Browning's poem, "The Ring and the Book," as aptly showing how one great soul can touch another.

Those who have great experiences are those who can help the world most. There are women who have lived apart from the world but who have lived deeply, who have learned more of life than the greatest thinkers, because their affections and sympathies take in all the world.

Announcement was made that on Thursday evening a reception for the members of the church and their friends will be given. The occasion will be entirely informal and one of the objects of the reception is to give the members of the congregation an opportunity to meet the new pastor. The reception will be held under the auspices of the social committee of the Sunday school and the board of stewards of the church.

Announcement was also made of a remarkably large increase in the Sunday school attendance. Yesterday there were 425 present out of an enrollment of 579, while the attendance for the same Sunday a year ago was only 273.

One of the special features of the morning service yesterday was the music by the church choir composed of Miss Lucile Riley, soprano; Mrs. R. C. Merritt, contralto; Mr. A. L. Dosher, tenor, and Mr. G. N. Spaven, baritone.

A new feature in connection with the services of the church that will prove of much convenience to those attending the services is the church bulletins on which will be given all the church announcements.

CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF PURCHASING FIRE APPARATUS

Finance Committee Also Discusses Water and Sewerage Matter.

The question of purchasing new fire apparatus for the city of Wilmington including hook and ladder motor truck and a pumper was gone into in some detail at a conference of the Finance committee of City Council on Saturday afternoon. Councilman Bunting, in charge of the fire department, met with the committee and explained the situation. One of the horses used to convey the present hook and ladder truck has become disabled and it seems probable that either a new pair of horses will have to be purchased or else a motor truck will have to be bought. As explained by Councilman Bunting at the last weekly meeting of Council, he believes that with the cost of a new pair of horses being at least $750 and the up-keep for them each year being not less than $250, it would probably be more economical in the long run to buy the motor truck. However, as the cost would be at least $9,000 and Council is already confronted with the problem of taking care of a floating indebtedness of approximately $100,000, it is hardly probable that it will be considered wise at the present time to make the purchase.

The finance committee examined the present fire apparatus and Councilman Bunting was authorized to make temporary arrangements until a definite decision can be arrived at as to what is best to be done.

The question of the purchase of the private water and sewerage system at Carolina Heights, which belongs to the estate of Miss Mary L. Bridgers and heirs was also discussed. Council has taken the position that it would be best to put in a new system which would be more adequate for the needs of this suburb. The special committee appointed to go into the matter will make a report to City Council at its next meeting. It is understood that an amicable method of adjustment has been agreed upon but the terms have not been made public.

FARM DEMONSTRATORS DISCUSS MANY MATTERS

Pertaining to Farm Operations and Growing of Crops

At Annual Meeting in Elizabeth City, Use of Lime in Proper Manner Urged—Cordial Hospitality Shown Visitors.

Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstration agent of New Hanover county, returned Saturday night from Elizabeth City, where he attended the annual meeting of the demonstration agents of Eastern North Carolina, which adjourned Friday after having been in session for four days. He was accompanied by Mr. R. P. Melvin, demonstration agent for Brunswick county.

While practically the entire four days was spent in discussing problems that now confront the farmer, an oyster roast on Thursday night, tendered the visitors at the Elks' Club by the business men of the town, was one of the most enjoyable features. The gathering was entirely informal, and the agents were made to feel at home.

The first session of the assembly was held Tuesday afternoon, the visitors being welcomed in behalf of the city by County Superintendent of Education W. M. Hinton, and the response being made by County Agent O. F. McCrary, of Lenoir. Mr. R. W. Freeman, of Wilson, supervising agent for the district, then took charge of the meeting, and presided at all the sessions.

In his opening address to the agents, Mr. Freeman emphasized the fact that Eastern North Carolina is not exclusively a cotton growing section. Diversification here is carried much further than in many other counties of the state, he explained, but it is not carried far enough. More hogs, better methods of cultivation, improvement of the soil through careful rotation—these are some of the pressing needs. He urged the agents to give more attention to community organization.

Following the Tuesday afternoon session, the visitors were taken over the city in automobiles and the evening was given over to five-minute reports from the various agents on their work in their respective counties during the past year.

These reports disclosed the interesting fact that hog cholera work has received the greatest amount of attention during this period. The inoculation of hogs against cholera is rather outside the agent's supposed field of activities, but it has been undertaken in order to bring the agents in closer touch with the farmers.

A few figures indicate the value of what the agents have done to check the spread of this disease. In 1913 in North Carolina only 1,142 hogs were given serum treatment for cholera; in 1915 62,000 hogs and over were given this treatment, the increase being largely due to work of the county agents.

But the agents found time for other matters. Much attention was given to the importance of cover crops; and the acreage of these has been greatly increased; 40 per cent. in Martin county, for instance. The need of the production of more corn and hay and hogs has been stressed and will be stressed until every county is self-feeding and self-financing.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, who has general supervision of the farm demonstration work in the state, gave a very clear and comprehensive resume of what this work was during the past year. This work has grown until it touches every phase of farm life in the state. Since demonstration work began the average yield of corn per acre has increased from 13.7 bushels to over 20 bushels, and the effort to increase the yield and decrease the cost will continue until all North Carolina produces sufficient corn for home consumption.

The yield of corn on demonstration plots averages twice the average yield of corn per acre throughout the state. The same thing is true of cotton. Over 5,000 farmers last year used selected seed, 22,000 ploughed their lands in the fall, a thousand demonstration acres of wheat last year yielded 21,000 bushels. Demonstration agents pruned 226,000 orchard trees, and under their supervision were planted 36,000 fruit trees. Over a thousand hog pastures were enclosed, nearly three thousand cattle were treated for black leg, nearly 2,000 for worms and nearly 4,000 farmers were induced to use lime.

Mr. E. S. Millsaps, district agent in charge of the demonstration work in the western part of the state, spoke of the county agent and what his work means in the development of the county. "Experience has shown," he declared, that the printed page will not reach and influence the farmer as it should, but by the precept and example of the county agent, the truth brought to life in the laboratory and in the experiment station can be brought to the man on the soil."

Mr. T. E. Browne, in charge of the boys' corn clubs in the state, told of the splendid work being done by the assistant demonstration agents. Mr. G. W. Falls spoke of the soja bean industry and Mr. C. B. Williams told of the work of the experiment station at Raleigh in inducing the cotton oil mills to take up the manufacture of soja bean products.

Prof. W. R. Camp, director of the division of markets at Raleigh, discussed market conditions in the state, emphasizing particularly the rural credit unions. Farmers buying supplies on time, pay, on the average, according to statistics, an interest of 38 per cent. The credit union seeks to put the farmer in a position to do business on a cash basis.

Mr. Clyde Davis, of Aberdeen, secretary of the Sandhill Board of Trade, regards the work of his organization in establishing two credit unions as its most permanent contribution to future prosperity in its territory, said Prof. Camp.

Dr. F. B. Owen, of Raleigh, spoke to the agents on Wednesday afternoon about the precautions to be observed in the inoculation of swine against hog cholera. He called attention to the state law providing a penalty for failure to bury dead hogs, and also to the statute providing a fine of $50 for allowing a sick animal or an animal from an infected herd to run at large. He urged the agents to request farmers to exterminate buzzards, which he declared are the worst of all spreaders of disease.

On Wednesday night Mr. T. E. Brown, of Raleigh, discussed organization plans in demonstration work, and Mr.

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BIG ANNIVERSARY MEETING

At Boys' Brigade Tonight in Honor of Col. Walker Taylor—Col. Bruton Expected to Attend.

All the members of the Boys' Brigade are anticipating with much pleasure the anniversary meeting tonight which will be featured by a banquet given by the members in honor of Col. Walker Taylor, founder and active head of the institution. The meeting will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the organization and will be the largest and most interesting meeting the Brigade has ever held. Col. John F. Bruton, of Wilson, member of the Federal Reserve Board for the Richmond district, has promised to be present, if possible, and make an address.

Although this institution has never made wide membership a point of interest, the membership at present is larger than it has ever been, exactly 100 names being on the active roll of the Senior Brigade and in addition there are the little fellows of Co-C, numbering 30. All of these active members are expected to be present, of course; also about 25 former members are expected to attend, as have about half a dozen special friends of the organization, including Mayor P. Q. Moore. And to lend particular pleasure to the meeting, there will be present a good-sized committee of ladies to serve the supper, most of whom are the wives of the married members of the Brigade.

All members of the Brigade will meet in the Reading Room, on the first floor of the armory at 8:10, as usual on Monday nights, and at 8:30 they will convene in the auditorium on the second floor, where the supper will be served. When the members and all the guests are seated, the meeting will be opened in the regular order of the Brigade meetings, as follows:

Meeting called to order by President J. Henry Gerdes.

Prayer, by Rev. J. M. Wells, chaplain.

Roll call, of active members, including reserve corps, by the secretary.

The meeting will then be turned over to Charles C. Loughlin, Esq., one of Wilmington's well known young lawyers, and one of the oldest members of the Brigade, who will act as toastmaster for the anniversary supper. Mr. Loughlin will first put the assemblage in the hands of the ladies who will serve the supper. And thanks to the enthusiastic work of Mr. B. Frank Brittain, Jr., chairman of the social council, in charge of the meeting, and his assistants, Messrs. A. Mott L. Davis, M. Gallagher, and H. Register, there will be quite an appetizing commissarriat for the ladies to administer. The menu will include Norfolk oysters, pickles, turkey and ham, rice, creamed potatoes, breads, olives, celery, coffee, ice cream, cake and cigars. When the supper is finished Mr. Loughlin will call for the following toasts:

To "The President of the United States," B. F. King, Jr.

To "The State of North Carolina," Joseph J. Loughlin.

To "The City of Wilmington," J. Henry Gerdes.

To "Pigeon Hill," Edwin P. Dudley.

Visitors' responses.

Impromptu responses.

To "The Present," Harry B. Register.

To "Twenty Years Ago," Col. Walker Taylor.

In addition to these Col. John F. Bruton, of Wilson, has promised to be present, if possible, and make a talk on this occasion. Colonel Bruton, banker and lawyer, and member of the Federal Reserve Board for the Richmond district, is a close personal friend of Colonel Taylor's and has been a warm friend of the Brigade's ever since its organization. He was present for a day or two with the fellows on their last encampment at Carolina Beach. The members expect to have the pleasure of his presence unless they receive a wire to the contrary today.

It is hoped that several out of town former members of the Brigade will be present. Mr. John C. McAllister, of Fayetteville, now on furlough, has already arrived in Wilmington and will be on hand tonight.

ANNIVERSARY ORATOR

Wilmington Boy, Just Licensed As Attorney, Speaks at Wake Forest

Mr. Edward B. Cox, of Wilmington, who was one of the successful applicants for license to practice law as the result of the recent examination before the Supreme Court, was one of the orators at the 81st annual celebration of the Euzelian and Philomathesian Literary societies of Wake Forest College in Friday eevning. He represented the Euselian Society and his subject was "The United States: The Leader of Nations."

Yesterday's Raleigh News & Observer carries a likeness of Mr. Cox. To be selected to represent a Literary Society as these annual celebrations is considered quite an honor and Mr. Cox's friends in this city will be glad to learn of his success.

Maternity! The Word of Words

It is written into life's expectations that motherhood is the one sublime accomplishment.

And if there is anything, no matter how simple, how apparently trivial it may seem, if it can aid, help, assist or in any way comfort the expectant mother, it is a blessing. And such is a remedy called "Mother's Friend." You apply it over the stomach muscles. It is gently rubbed on the surface, and makes the muscles pliant; this relieves the strain on ligaments, natural expansion takes place without undue effect upon the nerves. And as the time approaches, the mind has gone through a period of repose, of gentle expectancy, and this has an unquestioned influence upon the future child. That this is true is evidenced by the fact that three generations of mothers have used and recommended "Mother's Friend." Ask your nearest druggist for a bottle of this splendid remedy. He will get it for you. And then write to Bradfield Regulator Co., 707 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for a most interesting book of information to prospective mothers. It is mailed free. Write today. It is a book you will enjoy.

It is replete with important and timely topics such as a description of the nerves, muscles and parts involved, the strange mystery of a new baby, the law of contiguity, first pulsations, prefatory uneasiness, a maternity chart, diet list and many other subjects briefly told but of value to all women and particularly so to one who is to become a mother. It is mailed free to all who write for it.

Not One Man In A Thousand

That ever gets a Start in Life does so outside of the besten path of regular Saving. It is the one sure way of getting on your feet.

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SONS OF VETERANES ORGANIZE

Dr. W. C. Galloway Elected Commander at Enthusiastic Meeting Held Yesterday at W. L. I. Armory

At a well attended and enthusiastic meeting held yesterday afternoon at the W. L. I. armory a permanent organization was effected of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in this city, to be known as the George Davis Camp, and officers for the new camp were elected.

Officers were elected as follows: Commander, Dr. W. C. Galloway; First Lieutenant Commander, James F. Woolvin; Second Lieutenant Commander, James M. Stevenson; Adjutant, W. S. Clayton; Surgeon, Dr. C. P. Bolles; Quartermaster, Philip Heinsberger; Treasurer, J. H. Taylor, Jr.; Color Sergeant, D. J. Fergus; Historian, T. D. Meares, Jr.

The following committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws: Dr. W. C. Galoway, Jas. M. Stevenson and P. L. Cantwell. This committee will report at the next meeting of the organization, which will be held at the W. L. I. armory February 25 at 8 o'clock, at which time the constiution will be adopted.

A letter was read from Adjutant General N. B. Forrest, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and a son of the noted Civil War leader of that name telling the local men to go ahead and organize their camp and apply for a charter later.

From the good start made yesterday, and the interest shown by those who attended the meeting, it is believed that every son of a Confederate veteran in Wilmington will eventually join the organization. The meeting was presided over by Mr. T. D. Meares, Jr., as temporary chairman, while Mr. J. H. Taylor, Jr., acted as temporary chairman.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. E. von Der Goltz, of Detroit, Mich, is a guest of her niece, Mrs. E. A. Oldham, of No. 518 Castle street.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of Winter Park M. E. church will give a valentine musical at the home of Mrs. W. P. Farrar this evening at 8 o'clock.

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Miss Eleanor Jennings Harriss is expected to return to her home in this city today after spending a week in Raleigh, where she has been the guest of friends at St. Mary's School and also of Mrs. Charles E. Johnson.

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Dr. Milton's lecture, "Mother Goose, the Wisdom of Nonsense," which is to be given at St. James' Parish House on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, will be up to the usual high standard of his lectures. Many of the rhymes are very ancient, originating in social, political and historical conditions. "Mother Goose" melodies, all of "ye olden tymes," sung by soloist will be a feature of the evening. The public is invited.

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TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB AT NEWBERN ENTERTAINS

Newbern ,N. C., Feb. 13.—The members of the Twentieth Century club last night entertained about forty of their friends at the club rooms opposite the Gaston hotel on South Front street. During the evening an interesting talk was made by Rev. J. H. Summerell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, after which he presented the club with a valuable set of books. Another an enjoyable event on the programme was several vocal selections rendered by a quartette composed of Armstrong, Rigdon, Pasman and Fisher. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening and these were also thoroughly enjoyed. Among those present were Judge H. W. Whedbee, city officials, a member of the local press and others.

FARM DEMONSTRATORS DISCUSS MANY MATTERS

(Continued From Page Five.)

A. K. Robertson, in charge of the pig club work, told how bankers and other public spirited business men have furnished pigs to club boys, taking their notes in payment.

Thursday morning there was a discussion of beef production in North Carolina, and the need of tick eradication was pointed out. The topic that elicited perhaps the most interest than any other taken up during the meeting was that of the proper use of lime, discussion of which was led by Mr. C. B. Williams, of Raleigh. Owing to the scarcity of potash, many farmers are ready to use any substitute, said Mr. Williams. Some are buying lye, to get potash for their fertilizer, which is just throwing money away. Others are buying salt, which has no value as a fertilizer, but which may be used with profit when rust has appeared in cotton. The use of lime is recommended under certain conditions, but must be used intelligently. It has no value as a fertilizer itself, and is used to correct soil acidity and to make available plant food already in the soil.

Meetings Thursday afternoon and Thursday night were devoted to discussion of questions pertaining to farm operations and the organization of county leagues, community leagues and of county fairs. The meeting closed Friday at noon, after discussing a number of questions of interest to the agents.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Davis & Davis, patent attorneys of Washington, D. C., in a list of patents recently granted North Carolinians, include the following: Malcolm G. Adams, Hamlet, seat spring; John A. McDougall, Wilmington, mold for brakeshoes; John B. Seago, Pee Dee, gage cock; William E. Wines, Wilmington, train stop.

—Chauffeur D. H. McKeithan, of the Wilmington Taxicab Co., who had not returned with his car from a trip to Chadbourn early yesterday morning and for whom some uneasiness was expressed, reported later at the garage, that on account of the extremely bad condition of the roads, the car had to be abandoned near Bolton, N. C. Another driver and a machinist to repair any damage will be sent for the car this morning.

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RAPID CHANGE IN WEATHER

Wilmington Had Many Different Brands Yesterday—Fair and Colder Today—Storm Warning.

"We are going to have much colder weather." Such was the announcement last night by the local weather observer, which is calculated to send cold shivers down the spines of residents of this city, who on account of the summer-like weather which has prevailed for the past several days had begun to think that maybe Wilmington was going to get through the year without having any winter weather at all.

Asked to explain the vagaries of the local brand of weather which took the residents of this city by surprise yesterday, the local observer averred after consulting the weather map, that the cold wave was caused by high atmospheric pressure from the West, which was first noted in Northern Texas about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and moved rapidly eastward until the storm centre arrived over the city early last night, being preceded by a thunderstorm. Fair and colder is the forecast for today. The forecast for tomorrow is fair with slowly rising temperatures.

Hundreds of people took advantage of the fine weather which prevailed during the greater part of yesterday and went down to Wrightsville Beach, the cars being operated on a half-hour schedule during the afternoon.

Following the storm which visited the city early in the evening, the mercury dropped to 39 degrees at 8 o'clock, although in the morning at the same hour, it had registered as high as 61. The fall in temperatures will continue according to the forecast of the local observer, and by this morning will probably register as low as 25 degrees.

Other figures furnished by the local office show that the maximum for the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock last night was 72, which shows that the variation in the day was 22 degrees. The mean temperature for the period mentioned was 56 degrees. The rainfall for the same time was .72 inches, while the aggregate precipitation recorded since February 1, is 1.72 inches.

If Wilmingtonians think they have been badly treated by the weather man, it will probably be some consolation to them that other sections of the State are experiencing more distasteful weather. At 8 o'clock last night it was reported that snow was rapidly giving the residents of the capital a touch of real winter, while like reports showed that the country along the Chesapeake was being treated to a similar coat of snow.

Shortly before 10 o'clock last night, G. W. Felger, local observer for the United States Weather Bureau received the following telegram from the Washington office of the bureau: "Hoist Northwest storm warning. Storm warning Wilmington to Jacksonville. Winds will become Northwest and increase to gale force late tonight or early Monday morning."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. H. C. Carr, of Wallace, was a guest at the Hotel Wilmington last night.

—Mr. Henry Beatty, of Tomahawk, was registered at the Hotel Wilmington.

Mrs. F. L. King has been called to Rocky Mount on account of the death of her uncle, Mr. Jasper Downing.

—Mr. A. L. Hedrick, of Goldsboro, is spending a few days in the city and is registered at The Orton Hotel.

—Mr. J. J. Loughlin, of Southport, arrived in this city yesterday from Southport and is a guest at The Orton Hotel.

—Mr. J. C. MacAllister, Superintendent of Streets of Fayetteville, is in the city for a few days, having come down to attend court and the anniversary celebration at the Boys' Brigade Armory tonight. He is one of the old members of the Brigade, and all the members are glad to have him present for the occasion tonight.

THIEVES CONTINUE OPERATIONS

Several Robberies of Residential Districts Reported to Police.

Two robberies which are thought to have occurred during the early hours of the morning, were reported to the police yesterday. Mr. J. R. Pernell reported the loss of a week's supply of groceries and $23 in cash from his residence, No. 919 North Third street. The thief made his entrance through the kitchen window.

The other robbery reported was that of the residence of Mr. J. W. Curtis at No. 1003 North Fifth street, where it was discovered that some one gained an entrance through the front door which was unlocked, went upstairs and secured Mr. Curtis' trousers, from which the thief extracted $6 in cash after bringing the garment downstairs with him. The loss of a turkey from his ice-box was reported by Mr. J. C. Rourk, of No, 101 North Sixth street, Saturday morning.

MANY ATTEND SERVICES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church Sunday School Has Large Enrolment.

All the services at the Immanuel Presbyterian church were well attended yesterday, and this was especially true of the Sunday school services in the afternoon, which were attended by 342 members out of an enrollment of 344. The enrollment of the Sunday school which has already reached the figure named, is still increasing.

Col. Walker Taylor's Bible class was attended by 102 members. This is one of the largest classes of its kind in the State. The same number were in attendance in the classes of the primary department. Mr. S. A. Matthews is superintendent of the Sunday school.

Havre, France, Feb. 13. — A dispatch received from the Belgian forces operating at Lake Tanganyika, says the German gunboat Hedwig von Wissman has been sunk in a naval combat off Albertville. Two of the German crew were killed. The remainder of the men on board the gunboat were taken prisoners.

Mrs. T. A. Edison Shows Reform Evening Dress

Latest Photo of Mrs. Edison in Evening Gown.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison is one of the principal members of the Woman's Club of Orange, N. J., which has just set a new standard for the evening gown. Mrs. Edison appeared Thursday evening, February 10, at a dinner given by the Illuminating Engineers' Society to her husband on his sixty-ninth birthday. This photograph was taken at the time. Recently the Orange club sent out this notice with every invitation:

"The subscribers have so generally co-operated with the Social Committee in raising the standard of dancing that the committee turns to them again to ask their further co-operation in establishing a proper standard of dress. This request is made owing to the present extreme style of evening gowns, and also to forestall the necessity of criticism by members of the committee."

THE PORK INDUSTRY.

By W. L. McIntyre.

In a recent issue of The Morning Star the writer of this article read with much interest and pleasure a timely discussion of the importance of, and need for, establishing a pork packing plant in Wilmington. Our needs as pointed out in this article can not be too forcibly impressed upon us. Such a plant in Wilmington would be a wonderful achievement for the city and the entire section, and the results from such a venture, under intelligent management, would be most beneficial.

There are certain reasons why Wilmington should have a plants. In the first place, she is situated in a richly favored section of the State which makes our location an ideal one, both from the climatic standpoint and also as to the fertility of her soil. There is still another strong rgument in favor of locating such an enterprise in Wilmington, and that is her transportation facilities, both rail and water. She is afforded freight rates by water that will make it possible for her to put her products on the Northern markets at a reasonable length of time and at a minimum cost. Now, in order to make such an enterprise pay, there are several factors that must be taken into consideration. In the first place, there must be co-operation between the operators of the plant, the farmers, the county demonstration agent, and the county authorities. When this state exhibits, together with intelligent breeding and feeding and the proper handling of the stock, the results derived from this extensive co-operation will be surprising.

At this time, when efforts are being made to create more interest in raising and slaughtering pork, both for our own, and neighboring markets, a few suggestions as to the best method to be followed in acomplishing this end, with a discussion of various desirable breed, may prove of some interest to the farmers.

In order for the farmer to produce the best quality of meat, in the shortest length of time, at the greatest profit, he must learn the importance of breeding only pure bred stock that have good pedigree and that are also immune from all disease. This is one of the most important matters to be considered in the raising of live stock. If in breeding, or close breeding, is practiced to a considerable extent, the offspring will evince a low vitality. The intelligent breeder will readily see that it is absolutely necessary to introduce new blood into his stock.

In the raising of pork we know there are two distinctly different types—the lard type and the bacon type. Due to the fact that the packers of pork will not pay a premium for bacon type hogs, the Southern farmer prefers to breed the large, early maturing lard type. The best recommended hogs for the Eastern North Carolina farmer are the Berkshire, Poland China, Chester White, and Duroc Jersey. The Berkshire is a good heavy breed. Pigs at six months should weigh 175 pounds and at one year,300 pounds. The breeding boar should weigh 500 pounds and the sow 400 pounds. It is well adapted to the climatic conditions of North Carolina. They are early maturers, and the individuals will fatten rapidly and mature early. But in a general comparison the breed maturity the advantage will be found to lie with the Poland China, while many would accord first place to the Duroc Jersey or Chester White. As feeders, the Berkshire ranks high. The quality of the pork, from the standpoint of American market, is excellent. The style and finish of the Berkshire are worthy of commendation.

The Poland China is a somewhat larger hog than the Berkshire. At six months they will weight 200 pounds, while 250 pounds is not rare weight with good feeders. Boars one year old should weight 300 pounds and sows 250 to 275 pounds. When fully mature and in breeding condition boards should weigh as much as Berkshires. As a breed it readily adopts itself to a range of conditions comparable to other breeds. The early maturing qualities of the Poland China are markedly noticeable, and it has long been noted for this outstanding characteristic. No other breed will finish off in fat so quickly. They are good grazers. The Poland China, for feeding and fattening, is the most popular and common breed in America at this time. Fed on a nitrogenous ration the Poland China produces a very acceptable carcass for the American market.

The Chester White also has its good qualities. Its large size is one of its chief characteristics. Formerly it was the largest breed in the country and specimens were exhibited weighing over a thousand pounds. The tendency of modern breeding has been towards refinement and smaller size. As a feeder, the Chester White ranks high, as it does also in breeding qualities. It may be regarded as one of the most prolific of the heavier fleshed types of hogs. The litters are larger than those of the average breed. The quality of the pork is only fair. As a grazing hog, it ranks high on pasture.

The Duroc Jersey must also be considered briefly. Back of the ears the Duroc Jersey resembles the Poland China more than it does the Berkshire. The size of the Duroc Jersey will vary, due to the co-mingling of the blood of the large Jersey red and the smaller more refined, red breeds. For show condition boars two years and over should weigh 600 pounds, sows of the same age and condition, 500, boars 12 months, 350 pounds, sows 300, boards and sows three months, 150 pounds. The maturing qualities of this breed are excellent. Pigs maturing at six months should dress out 175 pounds. As feeders they may be classed with the Poland China, Berkshire and Chester White. They are good grazers on pasture. The pork produced is of medium quality.

By intelligent cross-breeding we will be able to get a better quality of meat, as well as better feeds and larger litters. The writer recommends the following crosses. A Berkshire board on Poland China sows produces excellent offspring. They feed out rapidly and have vigor increased beyond that of both their sire and dam. The cross breed, or grade Poland China, is today most important. Pure bred sires on common sows give an offspring that fatten rapidly and mature early. The females show more vigor and greater breeding power than the pure breds. If the Poland China sows seem to lack in prolificacy a cross with a boar of one of the other breeds mentioned will increase the sow's ability. The Chester White and Poland China cross will make a better butcher's hog than any of the pure breeds, fattening faster and having a better conformation. Duroc Jerseys give large size litters and the sows are served by Berkshire boards the result will be an increase in the size of the litter and also a noticeable improvement in the quality of the meat.

The only danger in connection with hog raising in the South, lately to confront the farmer, is hog cholera. Its symptoms are watery eyes, weakness, especially in the hind legs, weakness, of the skin, especially noticeable around the flanks. Poor condition of feed and keep have much to do towards making the animals susceptable. Hogs should be inoculated when liable to infection. It is a crime against society to bury hogs that have died of hog cholera when the carcasses can be burned. The latter is the most effective means of destroying the germs in these carcasses. Another indiscreet practice followed by some very thoughtless people, is to throw the carcasses of infected hogs into running streams. The disease may be, and is, generally, carried from one locality to another until the contaminated water, through various means, spreads the disease to other animals. It is a bad practice to ship hogs in cars which have previously contained infected hogs. The grounds may be disinfected by saturating the surface with corrosive sublimate solution or by burning off straw that has been scattered over the surface of the ground. Another good method to be followed as a remedy for this condition is to plow up the soil, exposing it to the hot rays of the sun.

A close study of the remaining live stock is interesting. Eastern North Carolina is not paying enough attendtion to the raising of mutton, beef, and dairy types of animals. There is a large field for the average farmer, from both direct, and indirect returns, if he will only give this feature of farming more consideration.

New Hanover is looming up with large possibilities in animal husbandry and when she pays more attention to the raising of pork, meat, mutton, dairy products, and prepares all these sources of income for discriminating markets, the resources of the county will have materially increased.

THE STRAWBERRY OUTLOOK

Little Difference in Acreage From Last Year is Expected—Mr. Hobe Returns to City.

Mr. G. E. Hobe, superintendent for this district of the Fruit Growers' Express, who will have charge of the icing and shipping of strawberries from this territory this season, has arrived and opened offices in the Masonic Temple. He filled the same position last spring and looked after his duties in a manner entirely satisfactory to everyone concerned. Mr. Hobe will leave in a day or so for a trip through the territory contiguous to Wilmington with a view to getting a line on the situation preparatory to the active movement of berries, lettuce, cantaloupes, etc., later on in the season.

"Our information," says the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal in its last issue, "is that the strawberry fields are in splendid condition and the vines are looking strong and healthy, giving every evidence of a most bountiful yield this spring. There is very little if any difference in the acreage this year as compared with last, and all things considered there ought to be some exceptionally fine fruit shipped out of this territory when the movement starts up. It would seem from recent developments that the Irish potato acreage would be greater this year than was thought of two months ago. Demand for seed have been so great as to send the prices up from 50 cents to $1.00 per barrel during the past thirty days and nobody knows whether or not the end is in sight as yet. The lettuce fields are growing off beautifully, the warm rains of the past two or three weeks having given the plants a thorough rooting and the volume of shipments from this territory the coming season will undoubtedly be up to previous year's output."

FIRE DESTROYS ROOF.

Negro's Residence on Princess Street is Slightly Damaged.

Members of the fire department were called out at 6:35 o'clock yesterday morning to extinguish a fire which destroyed the roof of the dwelling at No. 115½ Princess street, owned by F. P. Pitman, colored. The house is a two-story building, and it is reported that an entirely new roof will have to be built before it can be occupied by a tenant. The fire was put out without difficulty after the water was turned on.

—The coast guard cutter Seminole returned yesterday from a short cruise along the coast going as far south as Georgetown, S. C. The Seminole had nothing of interest to report, the cruise being entirely uneventful.

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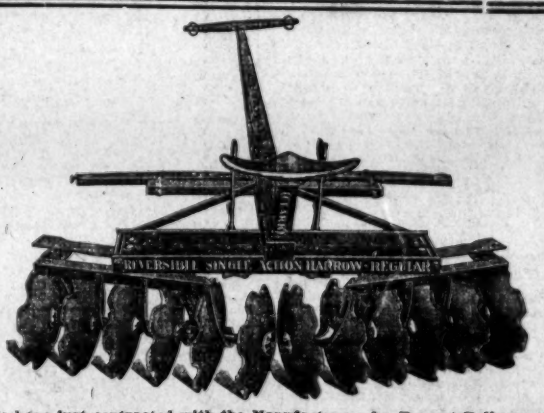

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STOCKS GAIN STRENGTH

Financial Situation Improved Due to Apparent Lusitania Settlement Proof of Business Increase.

(Special to The Star.)

New York, Feb. 13.—Our foreign relations contine to be an important factor in the stock market. Apparently the Lusitania incident is settled. Highly important concessions have been made to American demands, and it is a source of satisfaction and relief to have so serious an uncertainty permanently removed.

The stock market naturally fluctuated from day to day in sympathy with the changing advices concerning diplomatic negotiations. Their successful consummation however imparted a much better ton egenerally. American securities hed abroad have been sold upon every good opportunity by private holders owing to the pressure exerted by the war. British finances are under a great strain, but show no signs of weakening. Under the circumstances, of a strong situation here and a weaker one in Europe, a spasmodic influx of American securities must be anticipated from time to time. The probability of the British government negotiating a collateral loan rather than selling mobilized securities will of course prevent the heavy liquidation which the other method might have involved. Happily, this country is in an excellent condition for taking back its securities if necessary; a state of affairs which is equally fortunate for possible sellers on the other side.

In the war situation there is no change. The weary struggle drags its cruel way without developing any decisive features. When, however, we survey the situation at home, the outlook is one of genuine hopefulness and in strange contrast with the sad conditions abroad. The decided improvement in home trade is illustrated by January bank clearings for the principal cities, which aggregated over $20,000,000,000, compared with $13,400,000,000 a year ago; an increase of about 48 per cent. These increases, which must be largely credited to a good harvest, were also partly due to higher prices and to speculative activity, not to speak of the stimulus afforded by war contracts. The figures for New York, $12,300,000,000, which showed an increase of nearly 70 per cent., were of course inflated by Stock Exchange activity. The increase, however, was notable, considering that the Stock Exchange was in full operation for the first time during the month of January a year ago. The increase in bank clearings in the Middle States was 64 per cent., in New England 34 per cent., in the Middle Western states 22 per cent., in the Pacific states 11 per cent., and in the Southern states 21 per cent. A very striking fact is that the January clearings at New York were more than one-third of those in the entire country, compared with less than one-half of the total a year ago. This shows that New York gained vastly more in the volume of business than any other city in the United States. Outside of New York bank clearings in the entire country were 25 per cent. ahead of the previous year. New York alone gained nearly 70 per cent. over last year.

A further proof of business improvement, if needed, will be found in the railroad situation. Earnings continue to show very satisfactory gains, particularly on the larger trunk lines; and the total earnings thus far reported for January indicate an increase of about 20 per cent. over those of a year ago. When all returns are in the ratio will probable be still greater. In December the increase in earnings was over 30 per cent., and in November about 27 per cent. compared with almost no gains of consequence but frequent losses until September, 1915, when the roads received a sudden and pronounced impetus from the moving of our big crops; which we repeat has been the essential factor in our present prosperity, although the war as an inflationary element is playing a very conspicuous part. The railroad situation has also been improved by the more reasonable atttiude of the public toward large corporations, and the prospect of their being better able to secure a square deal in the future. The only cloud upon the railroad horizon is coming labor troubles. The excessive demands of employes seem likely to eb insisted upon, and while the roads are ina better position to make some concessions than for some time past, it would appear doubtful that the dispute will be settled without more or less disturbance and possible loss. The labor outlook in the coal regions is also unsettled. Demands will be made which cannot be met without advancing the price of coal, something which will not be very pleasing to consumers in view of the constant rise in the cost of many of the necessaries of life.

Our foreign trade continues in satisfactory condition. Exports are heavy, though a slight abatement seems to be anticipated by reason of the fact that the crop movement is on the wane and munition shipments for the time being appear to have reached their zenith. Imports are also increasing, which tends to encourage a return to more normal conditions in our foreign commerce. The foreign exchange situation continues to improve, the return of American securities from abroad, and the establishment of credits here as well as the influx of gold having effectually removed all weakness in this direction. The investment inquiry for securities has somewhat diminished, as this market is now awaiting the placing of important foreign and other loans which are shortly to be issued. It is understood that loans aggregating nearly one billion dollars are in process of negotiation on this side and may be placed next spring. These estimates ma- or may not be exaggerated, but they inevitably have an important effect upon this market. Such abnormal demands for capital unavoidably mean high returns and higher rates of interest. Moreover, the marketing of such vast amounts of securities means the displacement to a considerable extent of other investments. On the other hand, those in charge of these negotiations will undoubtedly use discretion and every effort to avoid any disturbance in financial conditions. In fact to successfully market such a mass of bonds, it may be desirable to give the general market a greater or less appearance of strength. Furthermore, this contingency had been made in advance, and the effect on security markets will doubtless have been largely discounted when the event arrives. The better class of railroad shares and bonds has lately received considerable attention from both investment buyers and speculative operators .In the industrial shares more or loss discrimination is necessary. The so-called war stocks have been handled with more discretion, and the industrials not directly dependent upon war orders, especiallysteels, coppers and chemicals, are more favorable regarded than others. Many of the better class of industrials are benefiting largely from the improvement of home conditions and entirely independent of war orders. Steel trade activity continues unchecked, and many concerns have sold their entire output for 1916 at top prices. Labor is well employed at good wages, and as the farming classes are also enjoying prosperity, the buying power of the masses is exceptionally great; hence the outlook for continued trade activity during the coming spring and summer months is excellent.

HENRY CLEWS.

COTTON MARKET IMPROVED

Change Due Primarily to Pronounced Strength at Liverpool, Followed by Heavy Domestic Buying.

(Special to The Star.)

New York, Feb. 13. — The change of front in the market during the week was due primarily to pronounced strength at Liverpool followed by heavy domestic buying to cover short commitments. The buoyancy of the market, however, may be attributed to a strong technical position as much as to anything else. As noted in last week's advices the weak speculative long interest had been closed out while, as is usually the case in dull, sagging markets, a short interest of large proportions had been built up. Aside from this, there has been improvement in the ocean freight situation, the rate out of New York being reduced to $2.50 per hundred pounds. At this figure, considerable business was booked and more room is offered at the same rate. This may or may not mark a turning point in the export situation, but it begins to appear as if the English government realizes that the time has at last arrived when transportathion facilities should be restored to the cotton trade. In support of this is the report that Great Britain has placed restrictions on imports of sugar and that some of the steamers working in the Pacific trade are being transferred to the Atlantic. A part of this tonnage will unquestionably be available for cotton and it is reasonable to assume that before long the volume of exports will show a decided increase. American consumption continues on a large scale. New England mills are sold ahead for over four months, while considerable business has been contracted for as far ahead as September. Aside from a large absorption of grade cotton by mill interests manufacturers of explosives have taken most of the supply of linters. The "Journal of Commerce" estimates that since the war started three million bales have been consumed .n this way. It certainly looks as if there was abundant justification for holding a hopeful view of the future course of the market. Southern holders show no signs of weakness and an improvement in the export situation, which now seems likely, ought to be followed by a further enhancement in values.

HENRY CLEWS & CO.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Fluctuations Small During Week—Market Closes at Net Gain.

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—Small fluctuations took place in the local cotton market last week, the extreme range of prices being only 26 to 29 points. Prices were at the adancev the greater part of the time, although no great buying power was displayed. At the highest of the week the trading months were 26 to 29 points over the previous week's close and the net chango for the week was a gain of 15 to 19 points.

A larger export movement continued firmness of spot holders and bullish talk regarding acreage of the coming crop were the main bullish influences. The week's exports were 200,000 bales in round figures or about twice as much as they haev been some weeks this winter, but bearish traders pointed out that, even with the increase the movement was only about half what it was the corresponding week last year.

The slight upward trend of the market was due in some measure to the relief felt over the clearing up of the international political situation.

This week attention probably will turn to the new crop. Weather which would be against farm work would have a bullish influence on prices while continued favorable weather, such as has been experienced of late, would stimulate unless indications of a decrease in acreage grows stronger. A number of brokerage houses appear to believe the course of prices in the near future depends upon farmers themselves for they believe signs of a decrease in planting, compared with last year, would work strongly for a higher market while nothing could depress it more than an increase in acreage.

The export movement will be closely watched because of claims that February engagements of ocean space, made months ago, are large.

REQUEST THAT A. C. L. TRAINS NOS. 90 AND 91 BE RESTORED

Petitions Prepared at Mount Olive Are Being Circulated.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., Feb. 13. — Petitions addressed to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, requesting said company to at once restore daily except Sunday, service in trains 90 and 91, between Goldsboro and Wilmington, have been prepared here and are now being circulated among citizens here and at other towns between here and Wilmington. Those pushing the matter are also planning to hold mass meetings in the interest of the matter, to emphasize the public interest in the restoration of these trains, the meetings to be held just as soon as the petitions have had sufficient circulation.

Leaders in the movement for the restoration of these trains are undoubtedly in dead ernest, and seem determined to carry the matter to any necessary lengths, in order to have the service furnished by these trains.

Newbern, Feb. 13.—While train No. 37, bound from Goldsboro to Beaufort and in charge of Engineer Nat Russell was coming into the local yard yesterday the engine was derailed and the train delayed for some time. Shifting engine No. 211 was brought into commission and backed the train to Beaufort. The derailed engine was replaced on the track after several hours of hard work.

COPPERS FEATURE STOCKS

Lead Movement on Exchange During Past Week—Steel and Iron Also Active—Review for Week.

New York, Feb. 13. — Professional traders were in control of the market for the greater part of the week, governing their attitude or commitments largely by the course of events. Public interest or support was almost a negligible factor, except in isolated instances, and in the fresh underwritings offered by banking interests, which embraced new notes and bods.

Prices made general advances at the outset on what was accepted as a practical closing of the Lusitania controversy, but eased here and there later on profit-taking and renewal of bearish aggressions. In the main, however, the level of quoted values was well maintained.

Coppers were the outstanding features, those issues soaring to new records for the most part, while Anaconda came within hailing distance of its recent maximum.

Inquiry for copper metal is more genuine and widespread than at any time in the country's history and such quotations as 28 and 27 cents per pound for March and April delivery no longer seem extravagant.

The steel and iron industry is proceeding at full measure of productivity, as was evidenced by the small increase in unfilled orders reported by the United States Steel Corporation for January. It is an indubitable fact that the mills, with a few unimportant exceptions and for certain specialties, are practically unable to accept new business and this condition is likely to prevail until the latter part of the year. Extraordinary earnings were reported by leading railway lines for December, notably the New York Central system, and although tonnage is decreasing in the west and middle west, where crops have been largely moved to market, it is losing none of its recent tremendous gains in the East and South.

New foreign elements were injected into the situation later in the week as a result of new policy of submarine warfare announced by Germany and Austria, and renewed attention was called to domestic politics through the resignation of the secretary of war. New foreign loans or commercial credits were said to be in process of consummation.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 3,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.) 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Feb. 12 by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 13, 1916.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—$5.00, $4.90.

TAR—$2.60-9c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 41½c.; rosin, nominal; tar, $1.50-7c.; crude, $2.75, $2.75, $1.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine .. ..(—)

Rosin ... ...(—)

Tar ... ...(—)

Crude Turpentine ... ...(—)

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 58 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11⅝c. Quotations, same day last year, 8c.

Receipts—114 bales; same day last year, 1,313 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 149,241 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 154,460 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Seb. 12.

Atlantic Coast Line—56 bales cotton.

Seaboard Air Line—57 bales cotton.

Total—114 bales cotton.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 13.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 55c. to 60c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.00.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c; good demand.

PORK—Small, 8@10c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 17c to 20c.; first class, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c; dry flint, 17@20c per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 18c.; sides and shoulders, 14c. to 15c. per pound, good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 35c head. Geese 55c to 60c per head. Ducks, 35c to 50c owing to quality. Turkeys, 18c per lb., alive.; 20c to 22c dressed.

EGGS—18c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 13.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 54c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00. Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 13. — Spanish: Farmers' stock—Market firm.

First quality, $1.10 per bu. asked; green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias, Farmers' stock — Market, quiet.

Fancy Jumbo, 3¾c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3½c. per lb.; Prime, 3¼c. per lb.; shelling stock, 2½ to 2¾c. lb.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

February 14, 1916.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 61 degrees; at 8 P. M., 39 degrees; maximum, 72 degrees; minimum, 39 degrees; mean, 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .72 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.82 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 7.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair and colder Monday. Tuesday fair, with slowly rising temperature.

The Port Calendar, February 14, 1916.

Sun rises ... ... .6:58 A. M.

Sun sets ... ... 5:55 P. M.

Day's length.. .. .. ..10 hrs. 57 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington ..	6:25	6:44	1:07	1:56
Southport . .	4:29	4:42	10:56	11:01
Masonboro Inl . .	4:18	4:31	10:36	10:41

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
February 13, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene . .	clear	50	—	.0
Asheville . .	cldy	50	50	.10
Atlanta . .	clear	58	56	.18
Augusta. . .	cldy	66	58	.12
Baltimore . .	cldy	34	—	.48
Birmingh. .	cldy	42	42	.54
Boston . . .	snow	20	—	.80
Charleston . .	cldy	72	60	.08
Charlotte. . .	cldy	60	54	.22
Chicago . .	snow	24	—	.16
Galveston . .	clear	56	48	.10
Jacksonv. . .	cldy	78	60	.02
Memphis. . .	cldy	32	—	.40
Mobile.. . .	cldy	66	60	.30
Montgom'y . .	cldy	60	60	.14
New Orl . pt	cldy	66	64	.14
New York . .	cldy	22	—	.16
Oklahoma. .	clear	34	—	.0
Palestine . .	clear	50	32	.0
Pittsburg . .	clear	18	—	.46
Raleigh. . .	snow	70	56	.36
Savannah . .	cldy	76	58	.48
Shreveport .	clear	50	—	.0
St. Louis . .	snow	26	—	.01
Washing'n pt	cldy	34	—	.24

CHARLOTTE TO WILMINGTON ROAD

Red Springs Correspondent Says It Should Extend Through County.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Red Springs, N. C., Feb. 13.—At a meeting of the board of county commissioners held in Lumberton last Monday the board decided that inasmuch as "The State Highway Commission" is going to survey an automobile highway from Wilmington to Charlotte, that if they would bring said road through the county of Robeson via Lumberton, that Robeson would build the link between Lumberton and the Bladen county line. If they should see fit to do this and come via Red Springs, Antioch, Raeford, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Mount Gilliead and Troy, thence on to Charlotte they would have equally as direct line with a fine road as indicated from Lumberton to Charlotte already built. There is not a stream on this route to be forded and the roads are now built and naturally drained, and would allow the traveler to pass through some very picturesque country especially at Pinehurst the great northern winter resort of Mr. Tuft.

Your correspondent has talked to several leading citizens who think this route as outlined is the ideal route for this proposed highway. We hope it may be built and thus connect the city by the sea with Charlotte the chief city of the Piedmont section.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION AT GREENSBORO COMES TO END

Mr. W. T. Ellis and Dr. J. D. Henderson Speak at Final Session.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 13.—The North Carolina convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement closed tonight with addresses by Mr. W. T. Ellis, of Swarthmore, Pa., and Dr. J. D. Henderson, of Chattanooga.

Mr. Ellis delivered his powerful address on "When the Boys Come Home From the Trenches" to an audience that packed the church. This afternoon Col. E. W. Halford spoke on "Leaving Your Mark on the World," and Mr. Ellis "How Far the Schoolmaster is Leading the World Back to the Place of Beginnings."

In the afternoon address Mr. Ellis treated of the war now going on in Bible countries, the Turkish massacre of Christians in Armenia and other aspects of the war.

The registration of the convention just closed exceeded by about fifty the registration six years ago. This time it exceeded 1,600.

NEWBERN BUILDING BOATS

City on the Neuse is Becoming Quite a Ship Building Center.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

ewbern, Feb. 13.—That Newbern is becoming quite a ship building centre is evidenced by the fact that in recent months a number of boats have been constructed at local ship yards and others are to be built here.

Of interest along this line is the announcement that the management of Meadows' ship yard have just arranged to construct four large scows for the Davidson Chemical Company, of Baltimore, Md. The scows will be one hundred feet in length, thirty feet wide and have a capacity of five hundred tons. They will be used in the Baltimore harbor.

More than a hundred men will be employed in the construction of these boats and as soon as the lumber can be secured, the actual work of construction on them will begin.

AGREES WITH WILSON

Commander of N. C., Naval Militia With President and Secretary Daniels.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 12.—That the United States could have an invincible navy within a few years if the present plans of President Wilson and Secretary Daniels of the Navy Department are carried out, is the opinion of Captain C. D. Bradham, of this city and who is the commander of the North Carolina Naval Militia.

Commander Bradham is heartily in accord with the President and Secretary of the Navy in regard to the former's preparedness programme and in an interview given out this morning, he expressed the hope that Congress will see fit to pass favorably on every suggestion.

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$26.85—Goldsboro, N. C., to Pensacola, Fla., and return, account Mardi Gras Celebration, March 2nd-7th, 1916. Tickets on sale Feb. 28th to March 6th, inclusive, with final limit March 17th. Stop-overs permitted.
$22.85—Goldsboro, N. C., to Tampa, Fla., and return, account Gasparilla Carnival, Feb. 6th-12th, 1916. Tickets on sale Feb. 3rd to 5th, inclusive, final limit Feb. 21st. Stop-overs permitted.
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No. 82. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 88. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A.M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P.M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48. 1:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington Parlor Car, Wilmington to Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 84. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 83. 5:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 80. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 84. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 78. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 66. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 41. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.
WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a8:30 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:46 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
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TELLING ALL SCOTCH ABOUT FLORA M'DONALD

Statement Issued by Scottish Society of America.

"To All Men and Women and Women of Scottish Blood" a Message is Addressed—What the College is and Hopes to Be.

Red Springs, N. C., Feb. 13.—As a part of the campaign for "Flora McDonald and Half a Million," the Scottish Society of America, has issued the following statement addressed "To All Men and Women of Scottish Blood:"

Men and women of our great and beloved country have lived, have loved, have labored. We have entered into their labor, they have died and we have allowed their memories to perish, and the valuable lessons of their splendid service have been largely lost to posterity.

We, who are of the land of Bruce and Wallace, Scott and Burns, Knox and Chalmers, of Culloden and Bannockburn, of Bonnie Dundee and Auld Lang Syne, with our wonderful wealth of literary and historic background, with all our pride of clan and kin, have not done our part to save from oblivion the name of the men and women of our blood who have truly served our country and the world. We, like the rest, have forgotten.

Other people are now realizing their debt to the past, and their obligation to the future; gladly and efficiently, in book and bronze, they are telling their splendid stories to the world; shall we fail?

Scots, the past lays its hand upon us; a voice calls—a woman's voice; a voice that swore to her own hurt and changed not. A woman's hand beckons; a hand that served Scotland in time of bitterest need. Flora Macdonald, "A name that will be mentioned in history, and, if courage and self-sacrifice be virtues, mentioned with honor. "But we have allowed her name to be forgotten the memory of her valiant deed to perish, and history points an accusing finger.

A voice calls! Canada sends a challenge and lays upon us a duty. Through her distinguished citizen, Dr. James A. Macdonald, it comes.

"Here in America, in the United States and in Canada, we of the Scottish race and tradition will be untrue to ourselves and to our blood if we are unfaithful to the charge which history has committed us. The name and fame of Flora Macdonald are part of our American inheritance, and touch with world-romance and world-renown our American history. It will be to our discredit and to our children's loss all over this continent if America forgets the few touches of wonder and of bloom that give distinction to our life.

"The most worthy memorial of Flora Macdonald would be an educational institution bearing her name, that would offer to hundreds of girls and young women in these Scottish communities the advantages of a College education, which Sir Alexander Macdonald, the chieftain of Skye, gave to Flora herself when he sent her for three years to a ladies college in Edinburgh. Like many Scottish girls in the Carolinas and Virginia and Kentucky and Tennessee and Alabama, she inherited good blood, good character and good ability, but not even a competent portion of worldly wealth. War, and reverses of history have done for these Southern states what similar influences did for our forefathers in the shires and islands of Scotland. And what Macdonald of Skye did for his young kinswoman, our Scottish American democracy, might surely do for generation after generation of our young women, who, like her, have high ambitions and a worthy desire to fit themselves for useful lives and helful service. Therefore, I propose, a "Flora MacDonald College."

"On this historic ground of North Carolina, here where once they parted I raise again, in its larger meaning and its world significance, Flora Macdonald's own rallying slogan to the clans: 'Cianna nan Gaidhael ri Guilibh a Chiele': Sons of the Gael, shoulders together."

"We, the Scottish Society of America, have heard the call, have recognized the duty, and rejoicing in the opportunity which is ours, in the name of the Scotch of North Carolina, accept the challenge and shoulder to shoulder with the Canadian Scotch and th Scotch of all the world, are determined to endow the Flora Macdonald College, a fit and worthy memorial of her whom all the Scotch in all the world delight to honor.

How is this to be done? The plan is simple. We Scotch of North Carolina are very many, we are proud of our Scottish blood. We also have money, some more, some less. Let each man, woman and child of Scottish blood put his hand to the work and have a part in the development of the womanhood in North Carolina by contributing to this beneficient and enduring memorial of Flora Macdonald. A roll of those contributing to this memorial is to be preserved as a historic record of the North Carolina Scotchmen who have thereby done honor to Bonnie Scotland, her heroine and to themselves.

The College we propose to endow is one already established and firmly woven into the life of our country. It is an institution, too, in every way worthy of the support and loyalty and pride of the Scotch people, whose abiding place is world wide and whose handmaided is education.

The founders of this school were fortunate in securing a man of wonderful faith and vision and marvelous energy and resourcefulness as its first and only President. When he began the work 20 years ago, with four acres of land and $4,000, some of his friends dubbed him a fool to give up a pleasant pastorate and attempt this seemingly hopeless and impossible task of making a successful and worthwhile institution of learning with so little capital.

Its growth and development is an exceedingly interesting story; suffice it to say that it has grown to modern brick buildings, with a one hundred-acre campus a faculty of thirty an average enrollment of 250 youn, women and a plant valued at $165,000.

The ideal toward which the President, Charles G. Vardell, has been working during these constructive years has been what he has achieved, namely, a college for young women that shall be a college indeed; that a diploma from Flora Macdonald College shall mean exactly the same accomplishment and represent the same amount of work done as is required in the men's colleges of North Carolina. This was his vision from the very foundation of the institution and wisely, for being a Scotchman himself, he knew that the people he served would be satisfied with nothing less than the best. And so today, Flora MacDonald College stands abreast of all the leading colleges in the Staes, her entrance requirements on an exact parallel with those of Davidson College for men.

Yours for Scotland,
ELOISE McGILL,
Secretary.

MRS. THOS. S. KENAN DEAD

Well Known Raleigh Woman Passed Away Yesterday—Relatives in Wilmington—Funeral.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Sallie Dortch Kenan, widow of late Col. Thos. S. Kenan, former Attorney General and Clerk of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, died here this morning after an illness of less than a week Mrs. Kenan's condition was not pronounced serious by physicians until Saturday.

Funeral services will be conducted from Christ church here tomorrow .The hour will be determined after the arrival of relatives from the South. Mrs. Kenan was the daughter of Dr. Lewis Dortch and was born in Edgecombe county. As a young woman, she moved with her parents to Aberdeen, Miss., where she spent her young womanhood. She was married to Colonel Kenan in 1868 and they lived at Wilson until he was elected Attorney General when they came to Raleigh. She had resided here about 40 years.

The news of Mrs. Kenan's death, which was received here by relatives yesterday, was learned with much regret by many friends. She was well known in Wilmington, having a number of nieces and nephews by marriage living in this city. She is survived by no near relatives.

Graham Kenan, Esq., Miss Emily Kenan and Mrs. J. K. Wise left yesterday afternoon for Raleigh to attend the funeral which will be held today.

CONFERENCE RESUMES TODAY

Operators and Miners Expect to Make Progress on Wake Agreement.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 13.—Operators and organized mine workers of the Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois soft coal fields expect to make considerable progress this week in the matter of negotiating an interstate wage agreement to take the place of the four state wage scales that expire March 31. The joint conference will resume its sessions tomorrow afternoon.

The mine run demand has already been rejected by the operators and a vote will be taken on the remaining ten, the operators going on record as against all of them. The mine owners will most likely again offer to renew the present scales and the miners in turn will go on record as rejecting them. The whole matter of an agreement will then be submitted to subcommittees wher ethe real constructive work of the conference will begin.

Operators say they do not look for a prolonged deadlock but will not venture predictions as to whether an increase in wages and the mine run will be granted the workers.

ANTHRAX CONTRACTED FROM HIDES IMPORTED TO AMERICA

Request to Have Government Order All Hides Re-Disinfected.

New York, Feb. 13.—Dr. C. T. G. Rogers of the division of Industrial Hygiene of the State Laboratory Board, it was announced tonight, will request Surgeon General Rupert Blue, of the United States Public Health Service, to use his influence with the Treasury Department to have an order issued for the re-disinfection of all hides shipped to America from Anthrax infected ports of China and South America.

Dr. Rogers' action is based on the fact that Eugene Hiers, a hide handler of this city, is believed to be dying of anthrax at a hospital here.

Gloversville, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Niles Deynolds, aged 53 died early today from anthrax which he contracted last Wednesday while working in a leather manufacturing plant here on sheepskins imported from South America. The disease was communicated through a slight skin eruption on his neck.

This was the second case among workmen of the same plant within a year. The other man recovered.

INTEREST IN SERVICES

Presbyterian Meetings at Mount Olive Being Largely Attended.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., Feb. 13.—The protracted meeting conducted at the Presbyterian church here since Sunday, February 6, has been very largely attended from the very beginning, interest and numbers in attendance both steadily increasing. Dr. J. W. Purcell, the pastor, and Dr. O. G. Jones, synodical evangelist, who is conducting the meeting, have had at every service the sympathy and assistance of the other denominations and their pastors; and for the past day or two the crowds in attendance have been so large that it was found necessary to hold the night meetings in the Baptist church, it having the largest seating capacity of any church here.

SEWERAGE MATERIAL ARRIVES

Contractors Expected to Begin Work at Mount Olive at Once.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., Feb. 13.—Several carloads of material, utensils, etc., consigned to the J. B. McCrary Company, who has the contract for the installation of Mount Olive's sewerage system, have arrived here, and it is expected that work thereon will begin at once. Preliminary surveys in connection with the disposal plant have already been made.

HANGED TO A TREE.

Francis Pegoud, Brother of French Aviator, Believed a Suicide.

Paris, Feb. 13. — The body of Francis Pegoud, brother of Adolphe Pegoud, the aviator who was killed in action nearly six months ago, was found yesterday hanging from a tree in the vicinity of Versailles. Pegoud, apparently a suicide, was 36 years old and had been employed in a munitions factory. He had been depressed, owing to his brother's death and to financial difficulties, it was said.

London, Feb. 13.—The British steamship Springwell has been sunk in the Mediterranean while on her way from London to Calcutta. A Reuter dispatch t oMalta says she was torpedoed without warning. The officers and crew, numbering 73, were picked up and landed at Malta.

BARON SHIBUSAWA HAS PRAISE FOR AMERICA

Japanese Financier Impressed With Recent Visit.

Says American Financiers and Business Men Gave Informal Pledge to be Friendly to Japs in Trading With China.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Tokio, Feb. 1.—American financiers and business men have given their informal pledge to pursue trade in China in a spirit of friendliness towards the Japanese, and, wherever possible, in co-operation with the Japanese, according to Baron Eiichi Shibusawa, the 76-year-old financier who returned on January 5 from a tour of the United States. On his arrival home he was met by several members of the cabinet, to whom he reported most favorably on conditions in America, as they affect Japan. He was impressed remarkably with the hospitality that had been shown him in the United States.

"America," he said, "is now at one of the most important turning points of her history. Hitherto she has been self-centered and self-contented, politically, economically, and financially, but now in consequence of the war she has been brought suddenly to realize that circumstances place her in the very forefront of the world's financial and commercial powers and she seems determined to utilize to the fullest extent the opportunities thus presented."

"I took every opportunity," he continued, "of impressing upon my American friends the desirability and also the practicability of a general understanding and, if possible, cooperation between American and Japanese capitalists in developing the resources of China. Such, I pointed out, would be conducive to the interests of China, in the first place, and then to the interests of both Japan and the United States. Otherwise America's increased activities in the Chinese market might possibly lead to hostile competition, mutual distrust, and bitter animosity, which might be mutually disastrous. I was gratified to learn that my views on these matters were fully shared by American financiers and business men, who showed themselves perfectly willing to conduct operations in China in a generous spirit of friendliness towards the Japanese and, wherever possible, in cooperation with us."

Baron Shibusawa said he found all sections of the United States animated by sentiments of warm friendship toward Japan. Especially was he pleased to see the situation in California greatly improved. The anti-Japanese feeling there has subsided, owing to the favorable impression created by Japanese participation in the Exposition. Some people were inclined to fear a revival of the anti-Japanese agitation after the close of the Exposition but his observation was that there is no likelihood of such an occurrence in the near future.

Baron Shibusawa said he was greatly impressed with the prosperous condition of the city of New York. The thriving and beautiful appearance of the streets and the remarkable improvement of the means of communication showed a great development since his previous visit. Lastly, he said:

"In view of the great material progress in the United States there must arise in the future a brisk demand for merchandise of all descriptions. The unmistakable development of American commerce and industry is favorable to Japan's trade interests with America which are bound to realize an epoch-making progress. Japanese merchants and manufacturers should prepare not to miss this opportunity for promoting the trade relations between Japan and the United States. In order to augment our national wealth and increase Japan's commercial influence in America the government authorities should avail themselves of the favorable monetary condition of the present for the encouragement and promotion of domestic manufacturing and industry and the advancement of the country's export trade."

FOUR MILLION BANK NOTES MADE IN U. S. FOR MEXICO

Several More Million Will be Added to the Mexican Treasury.

Washington, Feb. 13. — Four million new bank notes made in the United States have just been placed in the Mexican treasury, and several more million will follow them as rapidly as they can be engraved. The order was placed several months ago by Luis Cabrera, minister of finance in Mexico, and is said to have been for 250,000,000 pesos.

The new notes will be exchanged for various issues already in circulation in Mexico, which have been declared illegal and which were easy to counterfeit.

Compilation at the State Department of data regarding Mexico asked by the Senate under the Fall resolution practically is completed, and its submission in the near future is expected to be the occasion for resuming the debate on Mexico in the Senate. The administration wants the delayed debate to proceed because it is understood that until it is finished the nomination of Henry Fletcher as ambassador to Mexico will not be ratified.

Official and unofficial reports from Mexico indicate slightly improved conditions in the military situation. Villa has eluded the troops sent by General Gavira to capture him, but Argumendo's capture in Durango appears to have checked the rebel movement about Torreon. Officials here do not regard the rebel operations about the oil fields in Eastern Mexico as serious.

TEN BITTEN BY MAD DOG

Arrive in Raleigh From Fletchers to Take Pasteur Treatment.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—Ten persons bitten by the same mad dog have arrived from Fletchers, near Asheville, to take the Pasteur treatment. The party includes Walker Case, John Robertson, George Lance, Marion McCrackin, Dan Wolff and Jannie Wolff. These bitten were playing with the dog when the hydrophobia was manifest and the bites inflicted. Examination of the head of the animal showed a well developed case.

Madrid, Spain, via Paris, Feb. 13. — The governor of the island of Fernando Po, West Africa, in a dispatch announces that 140 German refugees have arrived at Santa Isabel, from the German Kamerun, and that they will be sent to Spain for internment by the next steamer calling at the island.

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By J. R. HAMILTON
Former Advertising Manager of Wanamaker's, Philadelphia

You, sir, or madam, are part of a greater audience than was ever gathered together in this community. Your combined power is that of a great army.

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You are going into the stores of this city now to spend that money.

And what you are trying to find out is how to spend it to your best advantage and where. Let us see how we can help you most.

Here in this paper today is the advertising news of the strong men of trade, the regular buyers and the best judges of merchandise. They have ransacked their shelves and their stockrooms to give you the finest they have. They are too shrewd to spend their money and attract your attention to anything but the best.

This is their biggest season, too, and some of the values they are offering today will seem impossible to you who do not know a buyer's necessities.

If you could go behind the scenes and see their stock of shoes and coats and dresses and suits and underwear, of furniture and rugs and draperies, all shrewdly gathered from the ends of the earth, all brought down to the lowest figure or raised to the highest standard of quality by every method known to expert merchandising, then you would understand the labor that has been expended for you.

There is no advertisement in this paper too small for you to notice today. For every one of these smaller merchants has had enough faith in his merchandise to put his announcement before you as large as he could; enough courage to stand back of it, and the integrity to sign his name to what he presents. He has some good reason for talking to you, and the fact that he is talking to you is proof of his ability and success.

And there is no advertisement too large for you to study carefully. Many a buyer, with some good value worth a column of space, has had to put it in the middle of half a page and crowd it into three short lines.

Here, then, is your compendium of merchandise, your catalogue of good goods; here amongst these merchants who are asking your attention today through the columns of their advertisements and offering you the best that they have.

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TAKING STEPS TO PUT BAN ON THE WHISKEY TRAFFIC

Automobiles to Be Checked—Officers to Get Behind Vagrants.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 13.—Temptation has been the mother of invention ever since prohibition laws became fashionable in North Carolina, and the local authorities are now studying the methods employed by lawbreakers closely to be prepared for the summer business of the whiskey peddlers. Automobiles will be checked, and all machines not showing clear records will be listed as suspected. There will be many of them employed in the East Carolina-Virginia traffic during this year, as the result of Virginia's action in joining with the Carolinas and other Southern states, most of the Far West and Main in the dry column, say the officials. It is known that in the towns the police are preparing to get behind the vagrants so that there will be less inducement for persons of leisure to engage in the expected wholesale business. There will be more new tricks than ever employed as soon as the weather becomes settled, say officers, to help the Old Dominion to get rid of a part of its stock in this section. When the last quart has been sold in Norfolk, Emporia, Richmond, etc., the automobile as a means of conveying the contraband will be out of the question. The price of gasoline and the distance to Baltimore will render that certain.

COMMITTEE TO FORM PLANS FOR AERIAL COAST PATROL

Admiral Peary Announces Names of Those Who Have Agreed to Serve.

New York, Feb. 13.—Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, authorized by the Aero Club of America to appoint a central committee to formulate working plans for an aerial coast patrol service, announced today the names of those who already have consented to serve. They are:

United States Senator Charles F. Johnson, of Maine; United States Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas; Representative Julius Kahn of California; Byron R. Newton, assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who is at the head of the coast guard and life saving service; E. Lester Jones, superintendent of the United States coast and geodetic survey; Prof. H. C. Frankenfield, chief forecaster of the United States Weather Bureau; John Hays Hammond, Jr., and Emerson McMillan, of New York. Presidents of 27 aero clubs also will be appointed members of the committee.

While efforts will be concentrated first on establishing a chain of Aero coast patrol stations along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and on the Great Lakes at intervals of ten miles, stations later will be established in the interior. The service is designed chiefly for observation purposes in case of war, but it is expected to prove a valuable adjunct to the coast guard and life saving service.

AFRAID OF HIS WIFE.

Horace M. Hill, Craven County Man, Swears Out Peace Warrant.

(Special Star Correspondent.)

New Bern, Feb. 13. — Claiming that he was afraid that his wife, Nell Hill, against whom he had filed divorce proceedings, would do him some bodily harm, Horace M. Hill yesterday swore out a peace warrant against her. The case was brought up for trial before 'Squire S. R. Street yesterday afternoon and the evidence taken. In order to give the matter careful consideration, 'Squire Street reserved his decision until Monday. The action for divorce which Hill has filed against his wife will come up for trial at the April term of Craven Superior Court.

JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY

Routes For Proposed Road to Be Discussed by Enthusiasts.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 13.—Good roads enthusiasts from points along the east bank of the Mississippi river from Cairo, Ills., to New Orleans, will meet here next Thursday and Friday, February 17 and 18 to discuss routes for a proposed Jefferson Davis highway from Memphis to New Orleans and to Beauvoir, Mississippi, the former home of the great Confederate leader.

At Memphis the proposed road would connect with the Memphis Paducah highway, now nearly completed. This road connects with the trans-continental highway passing through Kentucky. The United Daughters of the Confederacy and other Confederate organizations are actively interested in the movement for extending the proposed routed to Beauvoir.

HARMONY RESTORED AMONG THE DELEGATES AT PANAMA

Believed Danger of Rupture in Christian Work Congress is Past.

Panama, Feb. 13. — The delegates to the Congress on Christian Work in Latin-America attended devotional services today in the various churches in Panama and Colon and the Young Men's Christian Association branches in the canal towns. Addresses were delivered to soldiers at their camps. The session tomorrow will be taken up with discussion of reports.

It is believed there is no longer any danger of a disagreement, harmony having been brought about by the efforts of some of the leading delegates. A misunderstanding had arisen over various features of the reports to be presented. It was found that certain words and phrases were not understood clearly by the Latin-American delegates owing to the lack of thorough knowledge of English, in which the reports are written. In particular the report dealing with the scope of future work in Latin-America was misinterpreted.

A number of private conferences were held, at which the bearing of these reports on Catholicism was made clear to the Latin-American delegates, with the result that a complete understanding was reached.

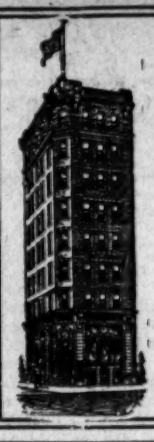
GLASS OF SALTS CLEANS KIDNEYS

If Your Back is Aching or Bladder Bothers, Drink Lots of Water and Eat Less Meat.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this, also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache.



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JONES COUNTY LANDS

State Board of Education Lets to Lumber Company—Loans.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—The State Board of Education meeting in the office of Governor Locke Craig yesterday made final arrangements necessary to convey to the Jones-Onslow Lumber Company a tract of land in Jones county valued at $2,000.

The plot disposed of by the board is swamp land situated in the middle of a piece which the board at another time sold to this company. It was since found that the State owned this little tract in the very middle of the land previously sold.

The board likewise approved loans of about $60,000 to counties on preferred list. Twenty-five counties in all became beneficiaries of this loan which is to be repaid in ten annual installments with interest at four per cent.

Business Locals

Advertisements inserted under this head, One Cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words more than 25, One Cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amount being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge a Western Union Messenger to any address in the city, for advertisements in this department, upon request by 'phone to No. 51. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for collecting the telegrams, or advertisements for the Star, but a small charge for Strictly Messenger Service. Telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams and bills will be rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call "Western Union," but for advertisements always call the Star office, No. 51. Advertisements cannot be taken over the telephone—but upon request messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them. Contract advertising inserted "till forbid" will be discontinued only on written notice from the advertiser.

WANTED—TO SELL DRY PINE WOOD cut and split, $1.00; pine, mixed with oak, $1.25; oak, for heater, $1.35. Prompt delivery. 'Phone 1914. fe14-1t*

ATTENTION CAPE FEAR LODGE! Independent Order Odd Fellows will have a social meeting and supper Tuesday evening, February 15, at 8 o'clock. All members invited. Committee: A. Heinsberger, W. H. Yopp, R. C. Fergus. fe14-1t*

UKULELES! UKULELES! A LARGE supply of these favorite Hawaiian instruments just received. Also Ukulele methods and strings. Yopp and Woody Music Co., 217 North Front street; 'Phone 313. fe13-tf

LADIES OR GENTLEMEN — SUITS cleaned and pressed, $1.00; pressed, 25 cents. T. C. Dickinson, 416 North Fifth street; 'Phone 218. fe13-tf

AUTOMOBILE RADIATORS, MUFFiers and fenders repaired; guaranteed to please as to workmanship and prices. Refrigerators and ice boxes relined. Tin and slate roofing repaired. Roof painting at reduced prices for the next thirty days. Call 'phone 431 and save money. All work guaranteed. W. B. Klander, 22 South 2nd street. fe13-tf

PIANO BARGAINS — DURING THE week of February 14th we will offer all pianos at a big reduction. Liberal terms. Many styles and makes to select from. Yopp & Woody Music Co., No. 217 North Front street; 'Phone 313. fe13-tf

FOR RENT — LARGE, BRIGHT, WELL furnished room, with modern conveniences, two blocks of Post Office. 216 North Second. 'Phone 773. ja28-tf

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NOTICE — NEW SAUER KRAUT, fresh Northern frankfurters, honey in the comb, 15 cents block; nice mullet roe; Eagle milk, 15 cents; Lord Calvert coffee, 30 cents. Tall can whole asparagus, 25 cents. May Bros. 24 North Front street. 'Phone 1322. fe12-tf

UKULELES! UKULELES! AN ASSORTment of Ukuleles just received. Call and see them. Yopp & Woody Music Co., 217 North Front street. 'Phone 313. fe11-tf

FOR RENT — THIRD FLOOR, OVER Woodall and Shepard's. Apply Woodall and Shepard's. ja11-tf

PHONE YOUR ORDERS FOR MAGAzines and newspapers to 745. Gordon Bros. 17 Princess St. fe 14-tf

EXTRA FANCY VEAL, BEEF, PORK, Etc. Choice lettuce and celery, country eggs, $1.00; dressed geese, 50 cents each; storage, $1.00. Quail, 15 cents each, out of storage. Batson's Meat Market. No. 72, 115 Market st. fe12-tf

FOR SALE — ONE HORSE, COW, HEIfer, farming tools and hay. Mrs. Annie Grien, Castle Hayne, N. C. fe11-4t*

NEW SERIES OPENS MARCH 4, 1916, at 210 Princess street, Brooklyn Building and Loan Association. G. H. Heyer, President; Herbert McClammy, Attorney; Geo. B. Applewhite, Secretary and Treasurer. We want you as a stockholder. fe6-tf

JUST BOUGHT, A BANKRUPT STOCK of solid gold jewelry, such as cameos, brooches, lavallieres, watch bracelets and diamonds. Can save you from forty to fifty per cent. on same at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop; No. 6 South Front street; 'Phone 642. ja11-tf

FOR RENT — 103 SOUTH EIGHTH street; seven rooms, all latest improvements. Gordon Brothers, 17 Princess street. de14-tf

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WANTED—A WHITE WOMAN TO help in general house work. Call at 214 South Ninth street. Feb 13-tf.

FOR SALE—ONE THOUSAND BUSHels of the finest kind of seed potatoes—Norton yams, Florida yams. I also have the improved big stem Jersey. For further information write A. W. Moore, Southport, N. C. Feb 13-31*.